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Announcement by the Bishop of plans for a Diocesan wide movement to be started next winter to bring the Institutions and Missions of the Diocese into first-class condition, featured the 142nd Annual Convention of the Diocese, which met on May 4th and 5th in Holy Trinity Church, this city.

In reviewing the proceedings of Convention it may be said the Bishop's address, dealing with a number of important subjects bearing on the administration of the Church's work, held an outstanding position of interest and attention. As stated in the beginning of this article, the address is printed in another part of the paper, where it may be read in its complete form by all our Church people and given their thoughtful consideration.

In disclosing his plans for the building up and improvement of our Institutions and Missions the Bishop indicated that about ten of the Institutions and about forty of the Missions are to be included in the program. He described in a general way the conditions found after nearly two years' survey of the building and equipment needs of these Institutions and Missions.

"The time has arrived," the Bishop told Convention "when the Diocese must move as a unit, Clergy and people shoulder to shoulder, and make a greater impress upon the spiritual life of our community."

The Bishop directed Convention's attention to the varied character of work and service being done by these Institutions and Missions. In describing "Our Task" in the campaign that is to come, he drew a striking picture of the appeal which this work and this service should make to every communicant of the Church in the Diocese. He appealed to all the Church membership to bear a share of the responsibility and to look upon it as an opportunity for service in which we should forget the cost and count only the needs.

"The program outlined in our Survey is a comprehensive one," the Bishop declared. "It means the abandonment of our isolation as individuals and as Parishes and to set ourselves to the fulfilment of that other task which we share in common, and thus carry out a great concerted purpose for the spiritual community of brethren.

"We do not believe that our Church alone can humanize or spiritualize the work of this great city or of this great Diocese—the task is too great for us—but we *can* make a greater contribution to it; we can help to make a new and better Philadelphia; we *can* help to make a new and better Diocese."

Reference may be made here also to another progressive note which the Bishop's address sounded in recommending formation of a holding corporation to be known as "The Church Foundation." The object of this body is to make it possible for any one to leave money by will to the corporation for the general work of the Church in the Diocese or to designate such bequests for special kinds of missionary, educational or institutional work.

Convention was prompt in responding to this recommendation. It adopted a resolution approving the general purpose of the charter and referred the matter to the Standing Committee of the Diocese and the Chancellor with power to act.

As an evidence of Convention's approval of the Bishop's decision to make an appeal for the building and equipment needs of the ten Diocesan Institutions and the forty Diocesan Missions, a resolution was adopted providing for the printing and general distribution of this portion of the Bishop's address.

Responding to another recommendation in the Bishop's address Convention took the initiative in opening the way for a suitable commemoration next year of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Foundation of the Sunday School Lenten Offering, to be held not only in this Diocese, but also throughout the whole of the Episcopal Church at home and abroad. It was recommended that the Sunday Schools of this Diocese fix the goal of the Lenten Offering for the Semi-Centennial year at $100,000.

The resolution as adopted by Convention provides for the appointment of three clergymen and two laymen to cooperate with the Diocesan Department of Religious Education in making arrangements for the commemoration. As probably most of our Church people know, the Lenten Offering originated in St. John's Church, Cynwyd, when, in 1877, the late John Marston, Superintendent of the Sunday School, conceived the idea and the school raised $200. The late George C. Thomas, who was treasurer of the old Board of Missions, took hold of the idea with Mr. Marston and it was developed to its present outstanding position as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, agencies of the Church for missionary work.

The Rev. A. E. Clattenburg, rector of St. John's, Cynwyd, sought to have one-tenth of the sum raised in the Diocese next year set aside as a memorial fund in the name of Mr. Marston. This was voted down on the ground that all the money raised through the Lenten Offering is applied to Missions.

Sharp debate marked the discussion of a resolution that had been presented by Dr. Grammer during the final hours of the closing session. The resolution read:

"Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania go on record against any effort to defeat the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States by depriving it of laws necessary to its enforcement, as a procedure inconsistent with the loyalty which we owe to the Constitution, and further, pledge its hearty cooperation not only to the enforcement

of law, but also to the building of intelligent public sentiment for law observance."

Charging the resolution was introducing political questions into Convention, the Rev. S. H. Wood moved it be laid on the table. By a vote of 117 to 98 the resolution was tabled.

After Convention had disposed of some routine business the Rev. Percy R. Stockman was recognized and moved the Grammer resolution be taken from the table. Mr. Stockman said he felt it would have been better for the resolution not to have been introduced, but as it was now before the Convention it should be acted upon, or the Church would be accused of "dodging" if allowed to lay on the table. He asserted it was a great moral question as well as a political question and that Convention had a right to voice its opinion on such moral questions.

The motion to take from the table was adopted, 95 to 94. The debate was becoming somewhat heated, when Mr. Hartshorne moved to amend by striking out all of the resolution after the words "Constitution of the United States." By a vote of 89 to 88 this was agreed to.

Throughout the two days' session of Convention there was a considerable portion of time consumed in the transaction of routine business. There was a slightly larger attendance this year at the Celebration of the Holy Communion, which preceded the formal opening of Convention, and at which the Bishop was the Celebrant, assisted by Bishop Du Moulin, the Rev. Dr. Tomkins and the Rev. James F. Bullitt.

Early in the morning session of the opening day Convention without a dissenting vote adopted a resolution presented by Dr. Grammer providing for the appointment by the Bishop of a committee of five clergymen and five laymen, with the Bishop as chairman, "to examine the present constitution and operation of the Executive Council of the Diocese and the Executive office and report its findings and recommendations to the next Convention."

Mr. Hartshorne for the Committee on Canons reported the proposed amendment passed by last Convention according to Missions representation in Convention by a Layman "who shall have all the rights of Lay Deputies except the right to vote." After some discussion the amendment was lost on a vote by Orders.

Shortly afterwards the Rev. Dr. Clattenburg introduced as new matter the amendment in somewhat different form and giving a one-third vote to a Layman representing a Mission under stated conditions. The Rev. Dr. Toop offered an amendment to include "chapels." Dr. Clattenburg accepted the amendment. As amended it was referred to the Committee on Canons. On the second day the Committee reported the proposed amendment. Convention sitting as Committee of the Whole discussed the amendment for probably an hour. With no apparent possibility of coming to an agreement the Committee of the Whole reported to Convention the recommendation that the whole subject be referred back to the Committee on Canons for consideration and report at the next Convention. The Convention adopted the recommendation.

Granting authority to the Executive Council to elect a small number of women to its membership, which was another matter postponed from last year, also failed to find favor. Mr. Brown, the Executive Secretary of the Council, presented an argument for granting the permission. Dean Hathaway opposed it on the ground that Convention would be surrendering its rights and that as a special committee had been named to report on the operation of the Executive Council, the subject should not come before this Convention. The Convention therefore defeated the proposed amendment.

In the report of the Treasurer it was disclosed that the Diocese was compelled to pay $822 in interest charges because of the irregularity of remittances from parishes for the Missionary and Business Funds of the Diocese. The Rev. Gilbert E. Pember called attention to the gravity of this situation, and Convention adopted a resolution recommending to the parishes that payments be made quarterly, as provided by Canon, to the Convention, Episcopal and Sustentation Funds," and that all missionary monies collected by the parishes be remitted to the Treasurer's office for the month in which they are collected at a date not later than the fourth of the succeeding month."

Copies of the resolution were directed to be sent to all rectors and accounting wardens.

The Mission of the Incarnation at Drexel Hill, having assumed the status of a Parish, was admitted to Union with the Convention, its charter having met with the approval of the Committee on Charters.

Return of Convention this year to the old system of voting after the various muddles into which it got through the preferential ballot system in previous years, facilitated the determination as to which persons were really elected after the votes had been counted. Four ballots were necessary, however, to elect the six Clerical members of the Executive Council and three ballots to elect the six Lay members of the Council. For all other offices to be filled at this Convention there were no contests.

The six Clerical members of the Council elected were:

Revs. L. N. Caley, F. C. Hartshorne, H. S. Hathaway, Franklin Joiner, J. O. McIlhenny and G E. Pember.

The six Laymen elected were:

Charles E. Beury, E. H. Bonsall, John J. Collier, William J. Dickson, W. H. Jefferys and W. A. Lippincott, Jr.

On the night before the Convention, from 8 to 10 o'clock the Bishop and Mrs. Garland gave the usual Reception to the Clerical and Lay Deputies to the Convention and their wives at the Bishop's House. In the receiving line with the Bishop and Mrs. Garland were officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese.

REMITTANCES BY DIOCESE TO NATIONAL COUNCIL TOWARDS 1926 QUOTA

During the first four months of this year there was remitted to the Nataional Council from parishes in our Diocese a total of $66,612.23 toward meeting the 1926 Quota for maintenance of the General Church apportioned to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The 1926 Quota apportioned to the Diocese by the National Council is $316,800. Remittances of $66,612.23 during the first four months of 1926 leaves a balance of $250,188.77 yet to be paid if the Diocese is to meet the quota figure. The amount sent to the National Council during the first four months represents approximately 54 per cent of all missionary money received by the Treasurer of the Diocese from our parishes. In addition to the above there was also sent to the National Council through the Treasurer of this Diocese during the first four months of this year a total of $363.48 Priorities and $2,133.90 Specials.

For the first four months of this year forty-six churches in the Diocese made no remittances of missionary money to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

COMMEMORATE BIRTHDAY OF RECTOR EMERITUS

The Rev. Edward Ritchie, rector emeritus of the Church of St. James the Less, Falls of Schuylkill, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth on Sunday, May 9th, officiating at a Celebration of the Holy Communion and by preaching to three different congregations. On the night before the beloved priest was the guest of honor at a reception tendered him in the parish house, at which he was presented with a corded silk cassock and a large bunch of roses. He is now making his home at 3101 North Thirty-second Street, opposite the church and alongside of the parish house.

The Bishop's Annual Address

As I was consecrated in 1911 I have been a Bishop for fourteen and a half years. During the past year I have held 144 Confirmation Services, 68 other Services, presided at 95 meetings, and preached and made 220 addresses.

Considering that the General Convention met during the year this was a very full schedule. In the past fourteen and a half years there have been confirmed in the Diocese 47,581 persons, of whom I have confirmed over half, namely: 24,083. During this period I have received 500 Roman Catholics. In the past year there were 50 received in 28 different Parishes.

I think it is well to give you these statistics as if one of our members enters the Roman Communion it is heralded throughout the Country, but there seems to be an increasing number of Roman Catholics who find their home in our Church.

Making an allowance for transfers and deaths it is probable that I have had the privilege of confirming nearly one-third of the present active communicants of the Diocese.

Bishop Moulton's Visit

It was a rare privilege during Lent to have with us the Rt. Rev. Arthur W. Moulton, D.D., Bishop of Utah, to assist in the Confirmations. It was his first visit to the Diocese of Pennsylvania and he was delighted with his reception in our Parishes and Missions.

In addition to the Confirmations, Bishop Moulton gave addresses to many branches of the Woman's Auxiliary and other parochial organizations throughout the Diocese. His presence with us has increased our missionary spirit, and whenever he comes to Pennsylvania, he will receive a warm welcome.

Religious Education

At our last Convention action was taken looking toward the appointment of a Director of the Department of Religious Education. It gives me pleasure to announce that the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, Rector of S. Philip's Church, has been appointed to this position and that he will begin his duties October first.

I am sure that all our people will be glad to have one of our own Clergy in this position and that they will co-operate heartily with him in the work of his Department.

The establishment of schools for Week Day Religious Education, which has been so successful in other places, has made little headway in this Diocese. At the present time we have only two centers for Week Day Religious Instruction—in Lansdowne and in Jenkintown.

A pamphlet has been issued by the National Board of Religious Education containing much information on this subject; I will be glad if the Clergy will carefully read the information contained in it and tell their people about this new experiment, which has been found so helpful in many parts of our Country. There are many benefits to be derived from a course of Week Day Religious Education, and if the Clergy and people of our Church are interested in it there is no doubt that many of our Public School Boards would co-operate with them in establishing such Schools.

Mrs. John Edwin Hill was appointed by the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese as Educational Secretary to succeed the late Mrs. Pilsbry. She has taken up her duties with great earnestness and the record for the year's work shows that about 100 Mission Study classes were held, attended by nearly 2000 members, with an offering of $1,500 for building a Church in Haiti.

Young People's Fellowship

The Young People's Fellowship in our Diocese is steadily growing in numbers. A few weeks ago a Provincial Meeting was held in this City attended by about 500, one-half of whom were from other Dioceses, in the Province of Washington.

We were all much impressed with the earnestness and enthusiasm of the members.

It is the fashion in some quarters today to speak unkindly or in denunciation of youth. We should take into consideration the great change in our living conditions today, the lessening of home ties and home influence, and how much the young people are thrown on their own resources. Then in fairness we must realize that the older generation has done much less for youth than it might have done, and it is too late to blame the young people because they have undertaken to find out what they can do for themselves—rather we should encourage them in the effort.

There is no doubt that young people have greater temptations than the older generation had—there are many to encourage them in the ways of evil; let us aid them in cultivating a fellowship in the Church that will have an influence for good.

I think we can all agree that young people must have opportunities for recreation, good sports, amusements and everything that will act as a counter-attraction to evil influence. At the same time we must not forget that youth is also naturally religious. Young people have great capacity for the love of good, they do not care for cant or hypocrisy or insincerity, they are filled with enthusiasm and ready to respond to a call to do difficult things, if they are worth while. Let us enter into their spirit of adventure and co-operate with them and help them to cultivate a love for the highest ideals and give to them full opportunity to put their great talents at the Master's service so that the enthusiasm and idealism of youth may be preserved, and they will become a great power for good in the Church.

May I again impress upon you that our Churches can make a great contribution to the community through the influence of our Christian homes? The

example of Christian parents, and the environment of a Christian home will save many young people from the doubtful and dangerous influences of our modern life. A great responsibility rests upon the parents, which we hope they will fully realize, and also remember that the greatest blessing they can give to their children is to bring them up in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Respect for Those in Authority

Every thoughtful man must be deeply concerned over the disrespect for law and the lack of respect for those in civil authority. We all recall the statement of Henry Clay as to his confidence in the future of our Nation, one chief reason being this beloved Church of ours—because its members were brought up to respect those in authority.

We should carry out the spirit of our prayers into the practice of life. The Church has a great responsibility to the community; as a Church we cannot enter into political discussions or differences, but we do not give enough encouragement or support to civic administrators and legislators; we hold aloof from them. We could do a great deal more to aid them to realize and listen to the voice of a Christian civic consciousness, and I know from experience that they generally welcome our suggestions and are ready and willing to co-operate as far as possible in doing what is right if we convince them that it is right.

There are many to encourage those in authority to do wrong, but the voice and the support and the influence of Christian men is often unexpressed.

Resolutions as a rule do not count for much, but a desire to help and to co-operate as individuals in every good measure is a potent influence in civic life.

The Sesqui-Centennial

A Committee has been appointed to represent our Church in making our own plans in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial. A great many visitors come to our City and we are arranging to have an exhibit.

The Committee is also arranging for special services during the Summer in the City Churches and especially in the old historic Churches that were so actively concerned with the making of our Nation in the stirring days of the Revolution.

Further announcement of our plans will be made by the Committee at an early date.

New Buildings

The erection of new buildings for the Missions of the Diocese has been practically at a standstill for years largely due to the many demands made on the Diocese for special funds for general missionary work. There have been, however, some notable buildings erected in the past year by *Parishes*—among them the fire-proof Parish House at S. Stephen's Church erected at a cost of $100,000; the Parish House for the House of Prayer, Branchtown; and the Parish House for S. David's, Radnor, erected by her children in memory of Ellen Waln Harrison.

The Chapel of the Nativity of S. Luke's Parish, Germantown, has also been finished and dedicated; and the temporary Chapel for the Episcopal Academy, the gift of a generous donor.

Since the last Convention, the corner-stone of the Chapel of the Divinity School has also been laid and the Chapel will be ready for consecration in the Autumn.

As we have always been interested in the Seamen's Church Institute, although it is an interdenominational work, I should mention the completion of the new building and the dedication of the Chapel in memory of the late William West Frazier.

Many other improvements have been made in the Diocese. As is customary, I will append a list so that it may be printed in the Journal.

Church Extension Fund

The Church Extension Fund for 1925 reports the largest income for any year in its history—a total of $12,000, being an increase of about $2,000 over the previous year.

We have about 69,000 Communicants in the Diocese and but 800 pledges, including a few from parish organizations.

Nearly all the Forward Work done in the Diocese in more than ten years has been through the instrumentality of this Fund.

May we not speak for the inauguration of a strong co-operative effort in all our parishes to increase the Church Extension Fund's opportunities for helpfulness in our Diocese?

Many appeals have been made for such aid. If it were possible to give the assistance requested, it would mean much for the strengthening, development and expansion of the Church.

The Fund was started in 1915 to aid in the purchase of sites, assist in the building of missions, churches, rectories, parish houses, etc. The number of subscribers has increased over 300 per cent and the receipts doubled since the Fund was established.

The "Calls" are limited to three each year, and the individual pledges range from 50 cents a "Call" upwards. Many of the pledges are for $1, $2 or $5 a "Call."

It may be interesting to note that the first effort at extension work by the Fund in 1915 was toward the purchase of a lot for the Mission of the Incarnation at Drexel Hill. A few years later the Fund was used to help in the building of a Parish House for this Mission. At this Convention the Mission is making application for admission into Union with the Convention as a self-supporting Parish.

Material Aid Given

There is scarcely a part of the Diocese where the Fund has not rendered material assistance to Missions and Parishes. Among them we may mention S. Gabriel's on the Roosevelt Boulevard; All Saints, Darby; Trinity, Gulph Mills; S. Giles, Stonehurst; Trinity, Collingdale; Holy Sacrament, Highland Park; Hebrew

Christian Synagogue; S. Cyril's, Coatesville; All Souls for the Deaf; Emmanuel, Kensington; Bucks County Missions; our Mission at Glenside; Church Community House, Morrisville; Ascension Mission, West Chester; House of Prayer, Branchtown; Advent, Kennett Square; Mission of the Redeemer, Springfield; Mission of the Transfiguration, South Philadelphia; S. George's, Richmond; Holy Innocents, Tacony.

In all our Convocations, except that of West Philadelphia, we have an active Woman's Aid or Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation. These render valuable assistance in our missionary work, and with generous offerings materially assist in the purchase of sites and erection of buildings. Besides these two sources we have the annual offering of the Bishop's Brick Fund which is now under the Church Service League. This Fund is also given to assist in erecting new buildings.

The General Convention

I desire to call the attention of the Clergy to the changes that were finally enacted in the Prayer Book at the meeting of the General Convention last October and which became effective January first of this year. A number of rubrics were altered permitting a shortening of services, but I call particular attention to the changes made in the administration of the Holy Communion.

In a number of places in the Diocese the service as printed in the Prayer Book is still being used, whereas by action of the General Convention the Lord's Prayer has been inserted immediately after the Consecration, and the Prayer of Humble Access transferred from its place in the printed Prayer Book, to follow the Lord's Prayer, and therefore immediately before the administration of the elements; in the Gloria in Excelsis there is also omitted the repetition of the words "Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us."

For the sake of uniformity and in keeping with the present law of the Church I hope that every Clergyman in the Diocese will observe these changes.

In the Confirmation Office the alterations are the removal of the preface, which was seldom used in this Diocese as it was of a permissive character, but now it is no longer a part of the service. The concluding sentences of the Lord's Prayer have also been added.

In speaking of the Order of Confirmation, I would again call attention to the rubric which states that the Bishop shall "lay his hands upon the head of everyone severally." In some Churches of our Diocese (probably twenty or twenty-five) it is customary for the female candidates to wear veils. I have before requested and must insist that when this is the custom the veil shall be so placed that the Bishop can lay his hands upon the head of the candidate. I do not consider it sufficient merely to lay hands upon a veil any more than it would be to baptize an infant by pouring water on a cap, or in administering the Holy Communion to deliver the sacred elements into the hands of a person wearing gloves.

If veils are desired, they should be so arranged that the Bishop can "lay his hands upon the head" of the person presented for Confirmation.

For some time I have been considering the need of a Foundation in the Diocese to which money could be given or bequeathed. After submitting the matter to legal advisors, including the Chancellor of the Diocese, I announce to the Convention our desire to have chartered a corporation to be known as The Church Foundation.

The Church Foundation

This will meet a need in the Diocese that is not met by the Trustees, or by the Cathedral Foundation, or any other holding Corporation. It will be much broader in its scope than the Trustees of the Diocese.

The object of The Church Foundation is to make it possible for anyone in the Diocese to leave money by Will to the corporation for the general work of the Church in the Diocese, or they can specify for Missionary work, Educational work, community work, etc.

In addition to the general provisions, which we will publish in a booklet giving information about the Foundation, we will include the corporate title of all the Institutions of the Diocese so that money can be left direct to them if desired.

The Charter is naturally very simple in its form, giving merely the name of the corporation, place of business, number of Directors, and stating the purpose as follows:

"The purpose for which it is formed is the support of any benevolent, charitable, educational or missionary undertaking of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and, in furtherance thereof, receiving and holding property real and personal of and for unincorporated religious, beneficial, charitable, educational and missionary societies and associations of said Church and executing trusts therefore."

Provision has been made that the Directors shall be elected by the Convention and also that any amendments to the by-laws must be approved by the Convention.

It is our belief that such a holding corporation will give a simple method of leaving money to the Church to be used for our general work as may be most necessary and will be welcomed by many of our people. On the other hand it will not prevent those who wish to designate their bequests for any particular Institution.

May I suggest that the Convention approve the general purpose of such a charter and refer it to the Standing Committee and the Chancellor with power to act?

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CONVENTIONS THEN AND NOW

There is always more or less disagreement as to the matters which should be allowed on the agenda of our Church Conventions.

Though by general consent secular politics are excluded, yet some protest that they are often introduced under the guise of "moral questions." This is always the complaint that is made when there is an attempt to handle on the floor any such dangerous explosives as Prohibition, Child-labor, or other experiments in what is called "social legislation." Knowing the difficulty that honest men have in deciding what is really the "business" of a Church Convention, the Editors of The Church News decided to appeal to history in the hope that in its rich mines some touchstone might be discovered that could be applied to any proposed subject with the certainty that it would at once disclose whether it was the pure gold that ought to be allowed to be brought before a diocesan or other convention; or, to change the figure, to find by diligent research some ecclesiastical litmus paper that, being thrown into a suspicious proposition, might warn us of the presence of a secular acid that should be avoided.

So we began our researches quite naturally with a study of the canons that were adopted by the Councils of the Undivided Catholic Church up to and including the Fourth General Council held at Chalcedon, in 451 A. D. Most of their time in the General Councils the Bishops were discussing doctrine. But what was our dismay to find that doctrine was then almost as much a political matter as a theological one. And when they were not discussing doctrine, we found that they spent much time in making minute prescriptions for the personal life of their members, enacting laws with real teeth in them to control divorce, murder, taking interest on money, and other sins that must have been prevalent.

But worst of all, we read such a canon as this, "If any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon shall obstain from wine, not for discipline but because he abhors it, blasphemously slandering God's work, let him amend, or be deposed and cast out of the Church. Likewise a layman." (Apostolical Canons). So men *must* drink "light wines" in those days. (We hope they were "light.") Being convinced now that they discussed "prohibition," we passed on, and soon found our other old friends, "women's dress" and "bobbed hair," in the canons of the Council of Gangra, adopted at Chalcedon. Then we gave it up, with this conclusion—Whatever 51 per cent. of a convention want to discuss, will be discussed.

LENTEN OFFERING SEMI-CENTENNIAL

The year 1927 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Sunday School Lenten Offering. Begun as an experiment in the little suburban Church of St. John, at Cynwyd, in our own Diocese, it has spread throughout the whole Church until there is hardly a parish or mission in which it is not one of the features of the work among children. Conceived in the mind of a consecrated layman, John Marston, as a means by which his own few children could add their small mite for the extension of the missionary work of the Church, it has grown to be the strong and dutiful son on whom the National Council annually relies for a large share of its support. Can the Church afford to let 1927 go by without a fitting observance of the Semi-Centennial of this important event? Surely not! Our Diocesan Convention has been prompt to take the initiative in directing the appointment of a committee to arrange for a suitable commemoration not only in this Diocese, but throughout the whole Church.

Having learned the danger of delay from our city's experience in preparing for the Sesqui-Centennial, steps should be taken at once here in the Diocese to prepare for a celebration proportionate to its importance. As a fitting climax to the celebration the children ought to present to the Church the largest offering they have ever raised. The Church News suggests one million dollars as the goal for the whole Church.

FRIGHTENING THEM IN

Some time during the last half of the nineteenth century the clergy relinquished to the insurance companies the office of frightening the people into prudence about the future by holding before them the fear of sudden death. For fifty years, with all the art of the trained advertising writer the companies have preached through newspaper and magazine to a vaster audience than the Church ever reached, the imminence and certainty of death, trying to frighten men by warning them that even as they read their grewsome advertisements they might drop off into eternity leaving their children to beg their bread. But now we notice a change in their advertising. Whether people are less afraid of death than they were, or other kinds of insurance pay better, deponent knoweth not. But, at any rate, there is far more said now in their homilies about providing for one's own happiness

in old age and less about death. It is strange, therefore, to find some of the clergy using insurance methods of frightening men into being good. Here is what the Rector of an Episcopal Church said to his congregation recently, after scolding them for not coming in larger numbers to the early service: "Remember, Dear Friends, the time is short. The death angel comes suddenly. He may come before the end of this week and strike you down. He may come to-morrow. He may come to-night! He may come before this service is over! *He may come this minute!!!*" All felt shivers running up their backbones, but fortunately nothing visible happened. How Jonathan Edwards and our Puritan forefathers would have enjoyed such a paralyzing climax!

REV. GEORGE N. HOLCOMB

For the last ten years there has been a brave effort by a few of our clergy to stir up interest in the needs and possibilities of work in the rural districts of this far-flung Diocese. With persistence and enthusiasm and great consecration they have not only labored in these forgotten fields but have by pen and tongue, whenever the opportunity offered, tried to awaken the city parishes to their responsibility for the country districts which were pouring so many of their young communicants into the cities and suburbs. THE CHURCH NEWS has helped to further this work by inaugurating a "Rural Department." For several years this department has been most efficiently edited by the Rev. George N. Holcomb, who as Rector of St. Mark's, Honeybrook, occupied a distinctive position in rural work in the diocese. Now Mr. Holcomb has accepted a call to be Diocesan Missionary in charge of Rural Work in the Diocese of Rhode Island. We wish to record our sincere appreciation of the work he has done for THE CHURCH NEWS, and our hope that his ministry may be as successful in Rhode Island as it was in Pennsylvania.

MAY-JUNE CONFIRMATION APPOINTMENTS

Following is a list of Confirmation appointments arranged up to the time of going to press, all of which will be taken by Bishop Garland:

May 9.—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
A. M.—Paoli, Good Samaritan.
Evg.—Darby, All Saints.

May 12.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Coatesville, Trinity.
Evg.—Coatesville, St. Cyril.

May 13.—Ascension Day.
Evg.—Phila., St. Alban's, Olney.

May 14.—Friday.
Evg.—Ridley Park, Christ.

May 16.—Sunday after Ascension.
A. M.—Honeybrook, St. Mark's.
P. M.—Warwick, St. Mary's.

May 19.—Wednesday.
Evg.—Doylestown, St. Paul's.

May 21.—Friday.
Evg.—West Whiteland, St. Paul's.

May 23.—Whitsunday.
A. M.—Pottstown, Christ.
Evg.—Elkins Park, St. Paul's.

May 28.—Friday.
Evg.—Downingtown, St. James'.

May 30.—Trinity Sunday.
A. M.—Ordination: Incarnation, Philadelphia.
Evg.—Phila., St. Mary Pro-Cathedral.

June 6.—First Sunday after Trinity.
A. M.—Falsington, All Saints.
Evg.—Morrisville, Incarnation.

June 13.—Second Sunday after Trinity.
A. M.—Rockdale, Calvary.
Evg.—Phila., St. John the Evangelist.

June 18.—Friday.
Evg.—Phila., Holy Redeemer.

June 20.—Third Sunday after Trinity.
A. M.—Media, Christ.
Evg.—Darlington.

CONFIRMATIONS, MARCH 23 TO MAY 9, INCLUSIVE

MARCH		
23.	St. Anne's, Willow Grove	7
24.	Advent, Hatboro	5
25.	St. Luke's, Germantown	34
25.	Nativity Chapel of St. Luke's	13
25.	Home of Merciful Saviour	7
26.	Holy Sacrament, Highland Park	12
26.	St. Luke's, Chester	8
27.	St. Mary's, Wayne	16
28.	The Saviour, West Phila.	32
28.	St. Peter's, Weldon	15
28.	Resurrection, Phila.	16
28.	Christ, Eddington	3
28.	St. Peter's, Phila.	21
28.	St. Barnabas, Haddington	16
30.	St. Mary's, Chester	4
30.	Trinity, Collingdale	12
31.	Holy Trinity, Phila.	31
31.	Grace, Phila.	5
31.	St. Augustine, Phila.	13
APRIL		
1.	Holy Trinity, Phila. (add't'l)	1
1.	Navy Yard	27
1.	St. Paul, Overbrook	11*
1.	Church House Chapel	3
3.	St. Mark, Phila.	12
4.	Christ, Phila.	25
4.	St. Martin, Marcus Hook	
6.	St. Stephen, Norwood	8
7.	Trinity, Gulph Mills	
11.	St. John, Lansdowne	45
11.	Holy Trinity, West Chester	18
11.	St. John, Essington	19†
11.	Ascension, West Chester	3
14.	St. James, Prospect Park	12
18.	St. Martin, Radnor	9
21.	Incarnation, Drexel Hill	15
22.	Home for Indigent, Phila.	12
23.	All Saints, Wynnewood	24
25.	St. David, Radnor	14
MAY		
9.	Good Samaritan, Paoli	16
9.	All Saints, Darby	43

* Additional to 47 on March 16. † 1 Received.

CHURCH OFFERS PRIZES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL

To stimulate interest in the foundation principles of public school education the vestry of old St. James Church, Perkiomen, in this Diocese, has voted to offer annually twelve prizes of $2.50 in gold to the pupils of the Henry K. Boyer school, for proficiency in English, penmanship and numbers. A prize of $5 in gold will be given also for the best general average in these same branches in the whole school.

The Norristown *Times-Herald,* in a recent issue commenting editorially on the vestry's action says: "It seems to us this is a fine example of church leadership in worthy community effort, an indication of broad sympathy with every influence for better living and worthier citizenship."

In Virginia the Brunswick County jail stands empty six months at a time, in spite of the fact that the county has the largest proportion of Negro population. A "white" newspaper says this is due in no small measure to the influence of Archdeacon Russell, of St. Paul's, one of the eleven schools under the American Church Institute for Negroes.

BISCUIT-TIN BIBLE

Translations of the Bible made by the S. P. C. K. for Africans were found when completed to fit neatly into a two-pound biscuit tin. This formed protection against rain, white ants, rats and cockroaches. The natives may be seen walking in procession to church with biscuit tins on their heads, in which they carry Bible, Prayer Book and Hymnal. —S. P. C. K. Report.

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I ask the attention of the Lay Delegates to the Annual Report of the Commission on Clerical Salaries and cordially endorse the resolution attached to the Report requesting all Parishes to make an earnest endeavor to increase the salary of all Rectors who are not receiving it, to at least a minimum of $2,400 and Rectory.

Increase of Clerical Salaries

We are very grateful to the Vestries for their cordial co-operation in making possible the increase that was formerly suggested.

Two years ago I announced that a Survey of the Diocese would be made. Many of our Institutions and Missions needed funds, but as we had already promised to make the long-delayed appeal for the Divinity School, also for the Japanese Reconstruction Fund, and for our share in the work of the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania, my judgment was unanimously endorsed by the Executive Council that no general appeal for Diocesan work should be made until a Survey was completed.

The Survey

It was manifest that frequent appeals were inadvisable and that it was impossible to do justice by taking up these Institutions and Missions one by one.

The Survey shows that a number of the older Institutions in our Diocese are very poorly equipped and that the new Institutions are naturally more up-to-date. Many of our Missions—in fact nearly all of them—are undeveloped and without the proper equipment for their work. I know that I truly interpret the mind of our Diocese when I say it is our desire that all our Institutions and Missions shall be put in first-class condition. We have not been called upon for large contributions for Diocesan Missions for a long time. Our appeals for many years have been limited to the General Missionary work of the Church. Very little constructive Institutional work has been done in the Diocese in our generation excepting the Church Farm School. On the other hand, we often hear the opinion expressed that it is high time that these Institutions our fathers built and helped to endow should be brought up to the highest standard of efficiency and that the Missions we have started should be properly equipped so that they will have an opportunity to develop into self-supporting Parishes. All this work will be of a permanent character. For such a purpose we feel sure that many of our people will be willing to give generously even if they give from principal and not from income.

We have decided that the pledges will cover a period of five years and ample provision will be made for memorials for those who desire to erect them. Such an appeal covering all our Institutions and Missions that are in need must interest every communicant in the Diocese.

Pledges to Cover Five Years

In the past, many limited their gifts to a single Institution or Mission, and that had a tendency to make us think of our work in a limited way instead of considering the wonderfully diversified work of the Diocese as a whole, in all of which we have a part.

When the fund is raised all items on the Survey will be taken up; the most imperative will be the first undertaken. In the allocation of the order of our Missionary projects I will act with the advice and counsel of our Missionary Council and of the Department of Missions. The money appropriated to the Mission will, as is customary, be disbursed under the direction of the Executive Council.

During the next five years there will not be any further appeal for Diocesan buildings except for some great emergency, and perhaps for starting our Cathedral work, if the need should become apparent and the time propitious. I expect to make an official announcement about our Cathedral plans a little later in the year. The Cathedral League has been re-organized and we have a splendid body of efficient workers ready to aid us when definite plans are assured.

In large sections of our great City, where a few generations ago we had flourishing Churches with crowded congregations and large Sunday Schools, we have now diminishing congregations. Forty years ago, the down-town Churches of all communions, in old Philadelphia and the adjoining sections of West and North Philadelphia, reached every person within their borders, and all their congregations lived in the neighborhood, but today the congregations of these Churches are largely made up of those who come from a distance. In many of these districts we are doing our work in the same way and using the same methods as a generation ago.

Changed Conditions in City

We are aware that there have been great changes in the character of the population of our City during the past few generations, but not many realize that the foreign born and their children outnumber the native born in this City. Considering these great changes, and especially in the last decade, it is apparent that we spend a disproportionate amount upon the support of our own Churches compared with what we spend to preach the gospel to and share our privileges with the strangers within our gates.

Our population in the City of Philadelphia is increasing at the rate of 40,000 a year, and there is a corresponding growth in the Diocese at large. New manufacturing plants are yearly being erected, apartment houses, business buildings, etc. Real estate experts tell me that about 35 new Churches are built in Philadelphia every year. What are *we* doing? In comparison with others our Church Extension has been practically at a standstill for a generation.

When we look back in the history of the Church we know that there was a time when the Church felt no obligation to the heathen. Then there came the great missionary awakening. The time has come when there should be a missionary awakening within

our own borders. We cannot doubt that the Holy Spirit is always ready to guide and lead us if we really set ourselves to the challenging task. We need a new awakening of the corporate power of the Church lest we waste our forces and perish for lack of vision.

Our Task

In a Diocese which includes a large City like Philadelphia, our people must naturally give much of their time, their talents, and their money to material things. We are also interested in every movement for the good of our City and neighborhood; we believe in economic readjustment and in good government, but these will not change life and character. Religion is more than ethics, and as Christians we believe in the transforming influence and power of the living Christ in human life.

When the Master looks out and sees sheep scattered without a shepherd He wants His disciples to minister to their needs.

I suppose you are all fairly well satisfied with the work done in your Parishes and Missions and I would not, to the slightest degree, minimize it—a devoted Priest and Pastor can do a great work for God in any community, and especially if he has the hearty and prayerful co-operation of his people. But in addition to the work that you are doing in your Parishes I want to direct your attention, this morning, to what you are doing in the Diocese, for every communicant in the Diocese has a share in our Diocesan work.

We have, in this Diocese, many great institutions: the ground and buildings and endowments might be estimated at over $13,000,000. Many of these were built years ago by the munificent gifts of individuals, but in practically all of them these were aided by the generous gifts of the Diocese at large. All of them have been largely supported by voluntary offerings, though, with the increase of bequests, some few of them are almost self-supporting, but as they stand today they represent the Diocese—therefore they represent you and the work that you are doing.

In these Institutions there is a varied character of work carried on. There are engaged in them about 64 teachers, 27 resident and 78 visiting doctors, a total of 105 doctors, 156 nurses, and 148 other workers, a total of 304 workers.

Then there are about 45 Missions in the Diocese; the grounds and buildings of these Missions are valued at over $1,600,000. All of these have been built by you. In them there are 37 missionaries at work among their people—on the whole a body of consecrated men giving their lives to the missionary work of the Church here at home. These Missions are all largely supported by your offerings. They minister to all sorts and conditions of people, rich and poor, white and colored, native and foreign, English-speaking, Italians, Poles, Rumanians.

Of the Institutions there are about ten and of the Missions there are about forty that need special assistance at the present time, and as they belong to you, you must help to develop them; put them in first-class condition; and equip them to do their work.

Work That Should Appeal

What an appeal this work of ours should make to us! Let me enumerate some of the different kinds of work which you are doing as a Diocese in addition to all that you are doing in your own Parishes. In our Diocesan Missions and Institutions you are sending messengers to preach the gospel to the poor, and to the strangers within our gates; ministering to the sick and suffering; taking care of the widows and educating the orphans; seeking and caring for the destitute, the forsaken, and the homeless; visiting the prisoners; ministering to the blind, the deaf, and the crippled.

Does not this work which you are doing in the Diocese of Pennsylvania strikingly remind you of the words of the great Master of life when He said, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord"? Then He added, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." So it is being fulfilled in our Diocese today, but not in so great a measure as any of you desire.

The object of our Survey has been to ascertain what Institutions need our united assistance so that they may be properly and fully equipped for the work they are endeavoring to do, and to develop and extend our missionary work in a similar way. The time has arrived when the Diocese must move as a unit—Clergy and people shoulder to shoulder—and make a greater impress upon the spiritual life of our community.

General Missionary Items

As usual the triennial Thank Offering of the Diocese of Pennsylvania was the largest presented at New Orleans, amounting to $86,031.67, and the Spring Offering of this year was the largest in our history, over $13,000. There is every reason to hope that the Lenten Offering from the children of the Church, to be presented next Sunday, will exceed all previous records. The amount given last year was $69,039.46. We are all proud of these records of generous gifts to the Mission of the Church. Next Spring we will observe the fiftieth anniversary of the Lenten Offering and we suggest that there should be a fitting celebration of it in this Diocese where it originated.

As a Diocese we have never raised more than 60% of the quota assigned to us by the National Council; the amount asked for this year is $316,800. In January, when we had to report to the National Council, the pledges of the Parishes and Missions for this purpose were about $185,000, but the Executive Council agreed to pledge $200,000 and also to make an effort to raise an additional $50,000. On request this amount was also accepted as a pledge so that the Diocese is

now pledged to raise the sum of $250,000 for the work of the National Council. In addition to this we pledged in New Orleans to raise our share of the deficit of the National Council, and we have been informed that this is $160,000. Up to this date we have received in cash and pledges $141,000, leaving a balance of $19,000 to be raised.

I sincerely hope that all members of the Church who have not yet contributed to this purpose will send their contributions to Mr. Joseph Wayne, Jr., the Chairman of the Committee, or to me, so that the amount will be paid in full at an early date. Speaking for the Diocese I heartily thank Mr. Wayne and the members of his Committee who have worked so hard to raise this fund.

Payments to National Council

Though we are only credited on the quota by the National Council last year for the sum given toward the apportionment amounting to $185,-060.57, yet it is interesting to note that *not including the United Thank Offering* of $86,031.67 we actually sent to the National Council last year in cash the sum of $398,-306.94 as follows:

Quota and specials	$198,306.94
For Japanese Reconstruction	150,000.00
Toward the Deficit	50,000.00
Total	$398,306.94

For the year 1926 we are pledged as follows:

Towards the apportionment	$250,000.00
Balance of pledges to be paid this year for the Japanese Reconstruction Fund	80,000.00
Balance of pledges to be paid this year for the Deficit	91,000.00
Additional amount yet to be raised for the Deficit	19,000.00
Total	$440,000.00

This means that we have to raise in Pennsylvania this year a larger amount than any other Diocese in the Country, with the possible exception of New York, to redeem our pledges. It is manifest that it will not be possible to raise it without generous gifts. It is also manifest that if we had not to raise these special pledges we could pay our apportionment in full. A Committee has been appointed to raise the $50,000 additional pledged to the National Council. May I suggest that our first duty is to raise the $19,000 needed for the Deficit and then the $50,000 to apply on the apportionment in addition to our Parish Offerings? Both of these amounts should be completed at as early a date as possible.

We rejoiced when the National Council announced that the promises by the Dioceses for the present year were $575,000 larger than the total given last year, but I must confess that we were much disappointed when in spite of this large increase of pledges the National Council also announced a cut in the Missionary appropriations, both in the Foreign and Domestic field.

It is sometimes difficult to understand the financial reports issued by an Organization. It would be helpful to the whole Church if the National Council would publish its exact payments of last year and appropriations for the present year with a statement of the income earned last year on the Trust Funds. I believe it would also be helpful to the Church at large if we could have the appropriations so classified that we could tell exactly how much is spent for salaries in all Departments of the National Council for travelling, how much for Evangelistic work in the preaching of the gospel, how much for Schools, for Hospitals, etc.

A Revised Missionary Policy

I think the time has come when we should reconsider our whole Missionary program and raise the question whether we have not departed too far from our former system. Under the old Board of Missions nearly all our offerings were spent on Evangelistic work, Schools and Hospitals. With the creation of the National Council it was necessary to spend large sums of money in the inauguration of a new policy, but it is a serious questions whether such expenditures should become a permanent annual necessity.

For instance, in the Department of Publicity there was a great deal that had to be done at first and a certain work has been accomplished. However, there have been large reductions in this particular Department and it is a serious question whether it should not be further curtailed and the money devoted to Evangelistic work.

In our Missionary work in other lands there are also serious questions confronting us. We have spent a great deal of money in various countries in education. In Turkey today we all understand that the Christian Religion cannot be taught in any of the Missionary Schools or Colleges supported by the Christian Churches. Of course, we may say that as a Church we have no interest in the Schools of Turkey, but a similar condition is confronting us in Mexico, and unless my judgment is mistaken the problem is becoming acute in China and will inevitably come to the front in Japan and other countries.

I think it is high time for us to recall that though Schools are important, the chief duty of the Christian Missionary is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that perhaps we have gone far enough in the policy of giving secular education.

The Church might make more real progress by confining its work to *Religious* Education. We know from the experience in our own Country that Religious Education can be given in connection with the Churches and Sunday Schools and in the homes of Christian people.

If we could spend more of the millions annually given by our Churches for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ in sending Missionaries to preach that gospel—then if we had more faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit and would allow Christian converts in other lands to develop their own native Churches instead of holding them too long under our authority, there might be a different story of Missionary progress.

Gifts for Work at Home

I trust that the statement of the large amounts that must be given for the General Missionary work of the Church will not interfere with the large gifts that are necessary for our work at home. We have always said that those who do the most for the General Missionary work of the Church are ready to do the most at home—now we must prove it. We simply cannot go on marking time without any real progress in Church Extension in our own Diocese.

For your encouragement may I call your attention to the fact that in addition to what we have sent to the National Council for quotas and deficit in the past two years, we have also raised in the Diocese for three special purposes about one million and a half for the Divinity School, the Japanese Reconstruction Fund, and the offering of our Church towards the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania? The fact that we have given this amount for improvements of a permanent character for three projects should indicate that we are perfectly able to give double that amount covering a period of five years for the needs of forty Missions and ten of our Institutions.

Our Appeal

I do not desire to close this appeal on a money basis, and I have purposely refrained from mentioning the sum required. Let us forget what it will cost and think of the needs. The 10 Institutions for which we appeal cover practically every phase of humanitarian, charitable and educational interest in our Diocese.

Of the Missions needing assistance there are four for which we have purchased sites, but they have no buildings. One of them is worshipping in a hall and another in a house, four have temporary frame buildings that must be torn down, one is worshipping in a basement, and three others are carrying on their Parish activities in a basement. For others we have not even purchased a site.

We do not contemplate building Churches for these Missions—merely properly equipping their Parish Houses so they will have a separate room for a Chapel in which to worship, and be properly equipped to do their work so that they may grow in numbers and in influence. Heretofore we have been expecting our missionaries to perform the impossible task by making bricks without straw.

Though we pride ourselves on the splendid band of Missionaries laboring among our colored brethren, just think how meager our work is when we know that there are 270,000 colored people in the metropolitan area of Philadelphia! Then as we think soberly of the hundreds of thousands of foreigners in our Diocese and how little we are doing for *them*, the task of the Christian people of this City seems stupendous. Let it be to us as a challenging call to faith.

We hear much about the lowering of moral standards, the decline of moral health, the prevalence of worldly ideas, but we must all bear a share of the responsibility. Let us look upon it as an opportunity for service. The restricted immigration today gives us a wonderful chance for assimilation of the strangers within our gates. Through our negligence we have a share in the sins of those to whom we have not ministered; let us also have a share in their redemption. We have been too self-centered; we have been too much conformed to the world; we have fitted ourselves to our material environment and we need a transformation that will lead us in the spirit of the Christ to bear our witness to Him in lives of service.

The program outlined in our Survey is a comprehensive one; it means the abandonment of our isolation as individuals and as Parishes and to set ourselves to the fulfilment of that other task which we share in common, and thus carry out a great concerted purpose for the spiritual community of brethren.

We do not believe that our Church alone can humanize or spiritualize the work of this great City or of this great Diocese—the task is too great for us, but we *can* make a greater contribution to it; we *can* help to make a new and better Philadelphia; we *can* help to make a new and better Diocese. I call upon you my brethren, in confidence that together—like a mighty army the Church of God will move forward, and through faith in Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, do a greater work for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from slipping and to make you stand unblemished and exultant before His glory—to the only God, our Saviour through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and for all time; Amen.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Annual Meeting of the Order will be held Thursday, May 20th, at the chapel of the Mediator, Fifty-first and Spruce Streets. Business meeting and Conference at 4.15 o'clock. Addresses by Mrs. J. W. Loaring Clark, Sewanee, Tenn., Secretary of the Order; also Mrs. John Eiseman, of Calvary Church, Germantown. Supper at 6.30 P. M.. The Evening Service will be held in the chapel at 7.45 o'clock. Mr. Edward H. Bonsall, National President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be the speaker. All visitors will be welcome to this service, especially the friends of the Daughters and Brotherhood.

The Order in the Diocese of Pennsylvania is thirty-five years recognized, though not as strong here as in years of its earlier life. The work followed up by the different Chapters is quietly carried on in the Parishes where they exist. Prayer and Service is the Motto. This often means the work is not known at the time and may never be reported by Chapters or members. A Junior Chapter has been organized at Christ Church, Germantown. Information about the Order can be had by applying to the Parishes who represent the Order among their Parish organizations.

You cannot convert the world by being like the world. You can only convert it by being different. You will not draw people to Christ by being like them. You will draw them, if at all, only by being like Him.—*J. G. H. Barry.*

Diocesan Lenten Offering Presentation Establishes New Record With Largest Sum in Its History

Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, was crowded to its capacity, and it was necessary to hold a large overflow meeting in the Parish House around the corner, at the Presentation Service of the Lenten Offering of the Sunday Schools of the Diocese on Sunday afternoon, May 9th.

The largest sum in the history of the Lenten Offering was presented to the Bishop, reaching a total of $74,699.64. This is an increase of $6,429.35 over 1925. Additional contributions yet to be reported it is confidently expected will bring the 1926 total to upwards of $75,000.

It is estimated that upwards of 2500 participated in the Presentation Service. It was preceded by the usual Processional around Rittenhouse Square. The Firemen's Band of 32 pieces, which Director of Public Safety Elliott very generously tendered to the Sunday Schools through the Rev. Dr. Parker, of Epiphany, Sherwood, led the Processional.

Holy Apostles, which, for many years, has been the largest contributor of all Sunday Schools in the whole Church, this year maintained its first rank position with $6,456.43, an increase of nearly $300 over last year. Mediator Chapel, West Philadelphia, which took second position last year, maintained that place with $3830, an increase of $481.33 over 1925. Two other West Philadelphia Sunday Schools, the Atonement and Epiphany, followed in third and fourth places, respectively.

The Bishop, in congratulating all the Sunday Schools, gave special praise to St. John the Evangelist, Third and Reed, for its Offering of $1,359, an increase of $559 over 1926.

Prizes were awarded by the Bishop for Mission Study Hand Work to Old Christ Church School for the best "Note Book Work"; to St. Peter's, Germantown, for the best "Building the Americas" and to St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, for a "Brazilian Village."

Announcement also was made by the Bishop of the Diocesan Convention's approval of commemorating next year the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Lenten Offering, and expressed his confidence that the Sunday Schools will make their 1927 goal $100,000.

Bishop Hulse, of Cuba, and the Rev. John W. Suter, of the National Department of Religious Education, were the speakers at the Presentation Service.

In the following list of the Offering from each of the Sunday Schools, which is printed at the request of Mr. George W. Jacobs, Treasurer of the Lenten Offering, the givings recorded are in dollars only, the cents being omitted. Mr. Jacobs reports a splendid response on the part of the schools to the request that was made to send in amounts before April 26th. The Annunciation was the first to send in its amount.

Advocate, $403; All Saints, So. Phila., $1100; All Saints, Torresdale, $210; Annunciation, $62; Atonement, $2102.

Calvary, West Phila., $201; Calvary, Gtn., $1600; Christ, Phila., $1000; Christ Church Chapel, $5; Christ Church Hospital, $25; Christ, Gtn., $801; Christ, Sixth and Venango, $325; Covenant, $100; Crucifixion, $75.

Emmanuel, Holmesburg, $226; Epiphany, Gtn., $472; Epiphany, W. Phila., $1930.

Gloria Dei, $1078; Good Shepherd, $400; Good Shepherd, Kensington, $200; Grace, West Phila., $150; Grace, Mt. Airy, $415.

Holy Apostles, $6456; Holy Communion Chapel, $1149; Holy Comforter, West Phila., $50; Holy Innocents, $61; Holy Trinity, $1286; Holy Trinity Memorial, $418; House of Prayer, $121.

Incarnation, $553.

L'Emmanuello, $15.

Mediator, $3830; Merciful Saviour, $227; Messiah, Richmond, $32.

Prince of Peace, $1250; Phillips Brooks, $173.

Redemption, $1025; Resurrection, $550.

St. Alban, Olney, $50; St. Alban, Roxborough, $25; St. Ambrose, $186; St. Andrew, West Phila., $187; St. Augustine's, $115; St. Barnabas, West Phila., $640; St. Barnabas, Gtn., $200; St. Bartholomew's, Wissinoming, $60; St. Clement's, $432; St. Cyprian, $3; St. David, Manayunk, $588; St. Elisabeth, $35; St. Gabriel, $179; St. George, West, $145; St. George, Richmond, $201; St. George, Venango, $117; St. Giles, $127; St. James, Phila., $352; St. James, West, $463; St. James the Less, $225; St. James, Kingsessing, $340; St. John, Free, $1332; St. John Baptist, $50; St. John Chrysostom, $60; St. John, So. Phila., $1359; St. John Divine, $51; St. John, N. Liberties, $26; St. Jude-Nativity, $345; St. Luke-Epiphany, $50; St. Luke, Ken., $770; St. Luke, Bustleton, $123; St. Andrew, Somerton, $7; St. Luke, Gtn., $589; Chapel of Nativity, $44; St. Mary Chapel, $34; St. Michael Chapel, $100; St. Mark, Fkfd., $306; St. Martin, Oak Lane, $450; St. Martin-in-the Field, $594; St. Mary, West, $26; St. Matthew, $1503; St. Matthias, $353; St. Michael's, Gtn., $743; St. Michael and All Angels, $102; St. Monica, $50; St. Nathanael, $118; St. Pauls' Chapel, City Mission, $20; St. Paul, Ch. Hill, $490; St. Paul, So. Phila., $700; St. Paul, Aramingo, $349; St. Paul, Overbrook, $1200; St. Peter, Phila., $600; Holy Comforter, Memorial, $610; St. Peter, Gtn., $630; St. Philip, $600; St. Simeon, $415; St. Stephen, Phila., $222; St. Stephen, Wissahickon, $450; St. Thomas, $15; St. Timothy, Rox., $163; St. Titus, $75; The Saviour, W. Phila., $850.

Transfiguration, So. Phila., $29; Trinity, Oxford, $215; Trinity Crescentville, $410.

Zion, $257.

Outside of Philadelphia

Ambler, Trinity, $238; Andalusia, Redeemer, $500; Ardmore, St. Mary, $914.

Bala, St. Asaph, $615; Bristol, St. James, $103; Bryn Mawr, Redeemer, $180; Buckingham, Trinity, $12.

Cheltenham, St. Aidan, $160; Chester, St. Luke, $100; Chester, St. Paul, $1180; Chester, St. Mary, $17; Clifton Heights, St. Stephen, $400; Coatesville, Trinity, $500; Coatesville, St. Cyril, $3; Collingdale, Trinity, $125; Concord, St. John, $23; Conshohocken, Calvary, $900; Cynwyd, St. John, $1165.

Darby, All Saints, $1126; Dolington, St. Wilfrid, $13; Downingtown, St. James, $190; Doylestown, St. Paul, $100; Drexel Hill, Incarnation, $500.

Eddington, Christ, $21; Eddystone, St. Luke, $90; Edgley, St. Paul, $24; Elkins Park, St. Paul, $1061; Essington, St. John, $151.

Fallsington, All Saints, $22; Feasterville, $3.

Gladwyn, St. Joseph Chapel, $279; Gulph Mills, Trinity, $23.

Hatboro, Advent, $111; Highland Park, Holy Sacrament, $215; Honeybrook, St. Mark, $10; Hulmeville, Grace, $18; Jenkintown, Our Saviour, $600.

Kelton, St. John, $41; Kennett Square, Advent, $35.

Lansdale, Holy Trinity, $54; Lansdowne, St. John, $660.

Media, Christ, $215; Meadowbrook, Chapel, $246; Morrisville, Incarnation, $35; Morton, Atonement, $83.

Newtown, St. Luke, $78; Norristown, All Saint, $350; Norristown, St. John, $641; Norwood, St. Stephen, $76.

Oaks, St. Paul, $120; Oxford, St. Andrew, $11.

Paoli, Good Samaritan, $500; Parkesburg, Ascension, $36; Perkiomen, St. James, $6; Phoenexville, St. Peter, $60; Pottstown, Christ, $300.

Quakertown, Emmanuel, $36.

Radnor, St. David, $136; Radnor, St. Martin, $175; Ridley Park, Christ, $204; Rockdale, Calvary, $407; Rockledge, Holy Nativity, $622; Rosemont, Good Shepherd, $702; Royersford, Epiphany, $23.

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English Church Army Founder and Delegation of Enlisted Soldiers to Visit This Diocese

Prebendary Wilson Carlile, Founder and head of the Church Army Crusaders, and a delegation of the uniformed workers from the ranks of the Army, will pay a visit to this Diocese.

At the invitation of Bishop Garland, Prebendary Carlile, who is now in his 80th year and who founded the Church Army forty-four years ago, will be in the Diocese on Trinity Sunday, May 30th, and on the following day.

Arrangements have been made for the distinguished visitor to preach Trinity Sunday morning in St. Matthew's Church, Eighteenth Street and Girard Avenue. Arrangements also are being made for a meeting in the Church House of the Diocese on the following night, Monday, May 31st, under the auspices of the Church Club, with the Clergy and Lay Readers of the Diocese, and the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew participating, at which Prebendary Carlile will be the guest, and at which opportunity will be afforded to all to meet him and hear him tell of his work.

This meeting will be preceded by an informal supper.

The uniformed Crusaders, young men who have passed through the Church Army College and who have been licensed and commisioned by the Bishop of London, and who are to visit a number of American cities this summer, are due to arrive in Washington, D. C., on May 15th. They will spend some time in the Dioceses of Washington, Maryland and Delaware.

The Crusaders will come into the Diocese of Pennsylvania on June 15th. The Rev. Frederick B. Halsey, of St. Ambrose Mission, Philadelphia, is arranging the details of the stay in this Diocese. The tentative program provides for a stop at Marcus Hook over June 15th-16th; Chester, June 17th-18th; Ridley Park, June 19th; Philadelphia, June 20th-28th, and Bristol, June 28th.

The Church Army is a uniformed body of laymen and laywomen which carries on an extensive evangelistic work throughout England. Many of its men saw service in the World War. Since its organization forty-four years ago it has grown into a vast organization. It maintains sixty departments and does an evangelistic and welfare work on a nation-wide scale, employing approximately 1000 full-time workers. Throughout his forty-four years of service with the Church Army, Prebendary Carlile has received no stipend for his work.

Last January he was decorated by King George and invested with the Insignia of a Companion of Honour. This spring he resigned his oversight of the parish of St. Mary-at-Hill, London, which he held since 1891, so as to devote his remaining years and strength to the Army he founded.

Prebendary Wilson Carlile.

Since the close of the World War the Church Army has conducted in England, with the approval of English Bishops and at the invitation of the Clergy, a number of Summer Crusades known as "Evangelistic Route Marches." On these "Route Marches" the "Crusaders" go along, from parish to parish in town and country, on market square and village green, giving their message to the many and to the few.

Last spring a party of twenty-four visited New York and New England towns demonstrating how trained, organized, full-time laymen might supplement the work of the regular ministry of the Church.

On their marches in England a light trek-cart carries their equipment. Here in America where distances are greater they often have to use a motor car until they come within striking distance. But this is only to save time. They are not out for a soft thing. They sleep usually, rolled up in their blankets, on a parish house floor.

During virtually their entire stay in Philadelphia the Crusaders will work in the Kensington section of the city.

COMPENSATIONS

The optimist is always looking for compensations, and consistently finds them. If Pollyanna had owned a middle name it would have been "Optimisia."

There is naturally much regret attached to the inability of the Church Building Fund to meet the requests of all applicants for loans, because its resources are already fully loaned to the Church. But there is a very gratifying compensation in the fact that in the presence of unavoidable limitations it could, as the normal year's work of 1925, lend $110,000, and give away $31,000, completing thus, sixty-eight Church buildings. These details will be amplified in the published Year Book of the Commission which will shortly be given wide distribution. Church people should read it carefully, and remembering that the larger Fund, the greater the compensation to the Church, increase this Fund to one million dollars in 1926.

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The Provincial Convention of Young People

Nearly 500 Young People registered at the Convention and Conference of the Young People's Service League of the Province of Washington, which was held in this city on April 23rd, 24th and 25th. Only one of the thirteen Dioceses in the Province—that of Erie—was not represented.

It is interesting to notice that the largest registration—55 in all—came from the Diocese of Washington; Delaware ranked second, with 34; Maryland was third, with 31; Virginia was fourth, with 21; then Easton, with 16. By far the larger number came from outside the State of Pennsylvania.

Through the courtesy of Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, the Young People very happily met at Holy Trinity Parish House for a get-together evening on the opening day of the Convention, April 23rd. After an hour of singing and group games, they watched with keen interest the pageant, "The Maid of Israel," presented by the Y. P. F. of Calvary Church, Germantown.

Saturday was a day especially of conferences. Four different groups met in the morning and four again in the afternoon, discussing all sorts of questions pertaining to the life of the fellowships in the different Dioceses of the Province. During the morning and also during the afternoon there were two stirring addresses made to the whole company of the Young People gathered together in the main room of the Parish House. One address, "Vocational Guidance and Life Work," was made by Rev. John R. Hart, the Student Chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania. The other address was by Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Newton, of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, who took as his subject, "The Young People and the Church."

The business session of the Convention was held in the middle of the afternoon, Mr. Kercheval E. Smith, the Provincial President, presiding. The principal business before the meeting was the election of Provincial officers for the coming season. The election resulted as follows: Mr. Elliott S. Dallas, of Jenkintown, President; Mr. Donald Edwards, Pittsburgh, First Vice-President; Mrs. Frank Cummings, of Richmond, Va., Second Vice-President; Miss Charlotte Darrah, Harrisburg, Third Vice-President, and Mr. Melville Mitchell, of Washington, Fourth Vice-President; Miss Mary Moore, of Philadelphia, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Henry Chinn, of Maryland, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Harry S. Huber, Jr., Treasurer.

The largest gathering during the whole Convention was at the banquet in the evening. Through the courtesy of Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Toop, the Young People were permitted to hold the banquet in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Apostles. Mr. Smith, the Provincial President, presided as Chairman. Mr. Carl Altmaier, the President of the Pennsylvania Fellowship, acted as toastmaster. Dr. Toop himself greeted the Young People to his Parish House.

A word of greeting was spoken by Mr. G. H. Randall, of Holy Trinity Parish, for the Rev. Dr. Tomkins, who, being out of the city, had not been able to be present, either at the Banquet or at the sessions of the Convention in his Parish House. Mr. Randall also brought the greetings of the Brotherhood.

The specially invited speaker of the evening was Dr. Wm. C. Sturgis, the Educational Secretary of the Department of Missions of the National Council. He took as his theme, "The Church and the World." The other speaker of the evening was Bishop Garland, who urged the Young People to keep high their ideals not only in youth but also in later life.

As the delegates were so scattered all over the city, it was not practical to plan a Corporate Communion at the early service in any one church. It was therefore arranged that there should be a Corporate Communion of Young People in all parishes of the Diocese where the Young People's Fellowship has been established. To this service went not only the Young People of the parish but also the Young People who were being entertained by the members of that parish.

But at 11 o'clock the members of the Convention attended the closing service in Old Christ Church, at Second Street above Market. The Rector, Dr. Washburn, gave a most cordial welcome to the Young People and spoke of the historic church in which they were worshipping. The Rev. Wm. Page Dame, D.D., Rector of the Memorial Church in Baltimore, was the specially invited preacher at this service.

CHURCH CONFERENCE LEAGUE HOLDS GOOD MEETING

The Church Conference League of the Diocese of Pennsylvania had a splendid Supper Meeting at St. James' Guild House on Monday evening, April 19th. There were over 130 present at this annual gathering of those who are particularly interested in Church Summer Conferences, and of those who are thinking of going to some Conference this summer and wish to learn the answer to the question, "What is it all about?"

During the meeting Bishop Garland, who was present at the supper as the League's guest, spoke of his interest in Summer Conferences. Then Bishop Sterrett, of Bethlehem, who had come as the specially invited speaker of the evening, told of the value of the Conference for the individual. He said in part that: "There are three opportunities for those who attend a Summer Conference, that of spiritual nurture and growth, that of intellectual development through leisurely discussion of the subjects that have to be faced today, and the great opportunity for fellowship in the informal atmosphere of agreement and disagreement. The greatest of all, however, is not that which we get for ourselves, but the opportunity of learning the 'technique of helpfulness,' particularly for the youth of today, by showing them that in their eagerness for thrills the great romance and adventure in the world may be found in the service of our Blessed Lord."

Information was given out about six of the near-by Conferences, a list of which follows, and further information may be obtained, with programs, from Miss Mary H. Howland at the Church House in Room 37.

Wellesley Conference will be held at Wellesley, Mass., June 28-July 8; rates including registration, $35.00; return railroad fare, $22.20.

St. Mary's, at Burlington, N. J. (formerly at Princeton), June 30-July 9; rates including registration, $30.00; return railroad fare, $1.38.

Hobart, at Geneva, N. Y., June 28-July 9; rates including registration, $30.00; return railroad fare, $23.12.

South Bethlehem, at South Bethlehem, Pa., June 28-July 3; rates including registration, $12.00; return railroad fare, $4.08.

Blue Mountain, at Frederick, Md., July 19-28; rates including registration, $26.50; return railroad fare, $11.00.

Peninsular, at Ocean City, Md., June 22-26; rates including registration, $12.50; return railroad fare, $10.84.

DOLL DRESSING COMPETITION

Here's an idea for the summer. Tell your small daughters. In Canada the Junior Auxiliary promotes a doll-dressing competition each year. As organized there the rules are simple. 1. Do not use celluloid dolls. 2. Fasten to the doll a slip bearing the dresser's name, age, address and parish. The dolls are sent to headquarters and judged in three classes, according to the age of the senders, and three prizes awarded.

The important thing, however, is that nearly 150 beautifully dressed dolls were received last July and sent, in plenty of time for Christmas, to two missions in the Orient.

Bishop Overs Heads Blue Mountain Conference

Preliminary programs have just been issued for the new General Church Conference which will be held at Hood College, Frederick, Md., from July 19th to 28th. In response to the growing demand for a General Conference in this section of the country, the Blue Mountain Conference has been established. Its Governing Board is from the Church at large; its courses cover all fields of Church activity; its faculty represents all types of thought; its appeal is to all those to whom the life and work of the Church are a real concern.

The President of the Conference is the Rt. Rev. Walter H. Overs, S.T.D., Ph.D., retired Bishop of Liberia, who will be in residence for the entire session and who will also give a course on "The Mission of the Church."

The Rev. James O. S. Huntington, D.D., O.H.C., is to be the Chaplain, and will set the keynote of the Conference in his daily talks on Personal Religion and also in his course on Prayer.

The program is divided into five sections under the headings: General Subjects, The Bible, Missions, Religious Education and Social Service.

The Rev. George C. Foley, D.D., Professor of Systematic Divinity at the Philadelphia Divinity School, will give a course on Church Doctrine, and the Rev. Elmer N. Schmuck, of the Field Department of the National Council, will speak on Parish Administration. It is anticipated that there will be a course on Leadership, and also a special discussion group for clergy only.

An extremely helpful course will be the one on Old Testament Prophets, which will be led by the Rev. Samuel A. B. Mercer, D.D., of Trinity College, Toronto, Canada.

There will be two Normal Mission Study Classes: one for leaders of Senior Groups, the subject being Rural Missions, the leader—Mrs. Marcellin C. Adams, Educational Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; and one for leaders of Junior Groups, the subject being Mountaineers, the leader—Mrs. B. B. Wilson, of Newport News, Va.

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. L. Strider, D.D., of West Virginia, will conduct a class on "How to Teach the Life of Christ." "The Project Principle in Religious Education" will be discussed by Miss Frances Rose Edwards, Director of Religious Education in St. Luke's Church, Rochester, N. Y. This will be a valuable course for leaders of Sunday and week-day groups of boys and girls, in the light of recent movements in religious education. The Rev. Edwin R. Carter, D.D., of Petersburg, Va., will talk on Religious Education in the Family.

The Rev. N. B. Groton, of Whitemarsh, Pa., who is the Executive Officer of the whole Conference, and chairman of the Commission on Young People in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will have general oversight of the young people at the Conference.

The afternoon conferences and evening meetings are to be open to the public. Special emphasis is being laid on the afternoon classes on the Woman's Auxiliary led by Miss Louisa Davis, President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Virginia; and on the Girls Friendly Society, led by Miss Kathryn Merritt, Field Secretary of the Province of Washington; and on the Daughters of the King. Captain Arthur Casey, representing the Church Army of England, will address an evening meeting. Among other conferences and addresses the following are expected: Church Music, Service Program of the Church School, Vocational Life, Faith and Order, Young People's Fellowship and Glimpses of the Mission Fields will be given by the Missionaries.

Registrations and requests for reservations should be made to the Rev. Charles E. McCoy, 848 W. Fourth Street, Williamsport, Pa., who will also furnish programs upon request. General information may be secured from the Executive Officer, the Rev. N. B. Groton, Whitemarsh, Pa.

Members of the Governing Board of the Conference are as follows:

Rt. Rev. Walter H. Overs, S.T.D., Ph.D.; Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, D.D., Washington, D. C.; Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., Wilmington, Del.; Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D., LL.D., Bethlehem, Pa.; Commander C. T. Jewell, Washington, D.C.; Colonel W. P. Barba, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. N. B. Groton, Whitemarsh, Pa.; Rev. William L. DeVries, D.D., Ph.D., Washington, D. C.; Rev. Howard W. Diller, Pottsville, Pa.; Miss Adeline W. Fisher, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Douglass Hooff, Frederick, Md.; Mrs. M. C. D. Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Rev. A. A. McCallum, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Charles E. McCoy, Williamsport, Pa.; Rev. S. E. Neikirk, Pittston, Pa.; Rev. Talbot B. Rogers, D.D., Sunbury, Pa.; Rev. Benjamin N. Bird, Bala, Pa.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—Most Rev. John Gardner Murray, D.D.; Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, D.D., LL.D.; Rt. Rev. James H. Darlington, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D.; Rt. Rev. Robert E. L. Strider, D. D.

THE BISHOP AND MRS. GARLAND ARE ENTERTAINED AT ST. JAMES, PROSPECT PARK

April 14th will long be remembered at St. James, Prospect Park, as a happy combination of the unveiling of a new Altar and Reredos, and a dinner complimentary to the Bishop and Mrs. Garland. Other honor guests were Dean Francis M. Taitt; the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park; Mrs. Warden, and the Misses Prichard, Directress of the Altar Guild of the Diocese embroidery department. The Altar and Reredos were designed and carved by Van Roden. One hundred twenty-five parishioners sat down in a family circle with the Bishop and the Dean as sponsors for the family. After dinner the company repaired to the Church, where the Bishop first consecrated the Altar and the Reredos, then blessed the new set of vases that were designed and made at Wright's work rooms; also several sets of Altar vestments, the handiwork of the Diocesan Altar Guild. The Confirmation class was then presented, the largest in years. Before the conclusion of the service the Priest-in-charge pointed out that this has been St. James' banner year. Its property has been completely renovated and improvements added, there is no debt, its people are enthusiastic, its Sunday School and other activities are flourishing, and the secret of it all is St. James, in the past several years, has more than given its tenth to others, frequently it gives one-fourth.

New Altar at St. James, Prospect Park.

SEARCHING FOR PARISH AND MISSION HISTORIES

The Diocesan Committee on Parochial Histories is very anxious to bring up the history of each of the churches and missions of the Diocese to a recent date, and will be glad to obtain any information in regard to them.

If any persons have histories or documents relating to parishes or missions they are asked to communicate with the committee at the Church House. There are a number of the present and former churches of the Diocese in regard to which the committee has little or no information. One of these is St. Barnabas Church, which formerly stood on Seventeenth Street north of Chestnut and afterwards became the "Little Theatre." Records of some of these churches are not deposited with the Registrar of the Diocese as they should be.

Another church of which the committee has no information was known as the Church of the Intercessor. It was on Spring Garden Street below Broad. It was later the Church of the Advocate, then known as the Bishop's Church, and finally amalgamated with St. Philip's Church. It eventually became the home of Lu Lu Temple. Another about which the committee has very little information is Trinity, Maylanfield, and still another is Zion Church.

THE COMMISSION ON MUSIC

Within the past month the Commission on Music has undertaken two new lines of work.

A Committee of the Commission has united with a Committee of the Department of Religious Education of the Diocese in compiling a hymn book for use in the Primary Department of our Church Schools. Any one familiar with Primary Department work knows how imperative is the need of such a book; one that will contain just the things that the children of 5 to 10 years of age can sing and understand. We believe that the book now being prepared by the joint Committee will fill this long-felt want. Mrs. John Loman, of the Department of Religious Education, will be happy to give any information with regard to this book.

The Commission is also working in conjunction with the City Mission in an endeavor to have some music at the services held by that organization at the various institutions in the city where they officiate on Sunday afternoons. There may be roughly divided into two groups—one, where services are held every Sunday afternoon, and the other where services are held once a month.

Within the past few weeks letters have been sent to the rectors of some of the parishes as nearly as possible in the vicinity of the institutions of the second group, asking that some of the members of their choirs be responsible for the music at certain places twice a year. We feel sure that the choirs will respond to this request to bring some additional cheer into the lives of those who live in these institutions. There are still three Homes in West Philadelphia for whom no provision has yet been made. If there are many choirs or other groups or individual singers who will undertake to help in any of these the Commission will be glad to give further particulars.

The other group is made up chiefly of hospitals in various parts of the city. If there are any, either individuals, or quartettes, etc., who will volunteer to sing a few hymns or very simple anthems to those who are sick in these hospital wards will they please communicate with the secretary of this Commission, the Rev. N. Herbert Caley, at the Church House, 202 South Nineteenth Street?

CHURCH CLUB TO VISIT HISTORIC VALLEY FORGE

On Saturday, May 22nd, the Church Club members will make a Pilgrimage to Valley Forge. The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, has extended a most welcome invitation to the club on that afternoon, and all members of the Church in the Diocese are extended a similar invitation to come.

The Church Club members have arranged to start on the Pilgrimage from the City Club in Broad Street below Spruce at 1.45 o'clock daylight time. Club members owning automobiles have offered the use of their cars to transport the members. In order to facilitate matters arrangements have been made for a luncheon to be served at the City Club prior to the trip. This luncheon is called for 12.30 o'clock sharp, daylight time.

All members of the Church in the Diocese who have automobiles and who desire to go with the Club members are requested to observe the starting hour of 1.45. Those who prefer to go direct to Valley Forge and join the Church Club Pilgrims there may do so. The Pilgrims will arrive at Valley Forge about 3.30 o'clock.

BROTHERHOOD MEN HOLD SERVICES IN PARISHES

By special arrangement with rectors, members of the Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew conducted services in twenty-two parishes during the Lenten season and for a few Sundays after Easter, each of the parishes being visited once.

Nine teams of three men each comprised the visitation group. One of the three men assigned to a parish reading part of the service, the others making addresses. The topics were: "Our Community—Christian or Pagan?" and "The Christian Man and His Home." Congregations at the services were generally very good. Sometimes they ran over 200. On one occasion, at St. John the Evangelist, South Philadelphia, upwards of 400 were present.

The rectors, and in many cases the wardens and vestrymen, greeted the visitors warmly, and the people received them with cordiality. In some cases the entire service was taken by the three laymen, the rector giving himself the chance to sit in the pews with his congregation and worship with them. The addresses were said generally by the listeners to have been well delivered and practical in their composition.

To sum up pretty concretely the thought in the minds of the laymen who took part in these services, one of them says in a paragraph of his report to Mr. Ronald J. McCarthy, head of a committee of several men in charge of the arrangements: "My own opinion is that we should continue these services right along, so far as rectors are willing, on the Sunday nights. The Sunday night service is proverbially weak, and I believe most rectors would welcome any plan that offers novelty with good sense combined. I should eliminate any reference to the establishing of a Brotherhood Chapter, but I should challenge men to the work of the Church, as parish workers."

Among the parishes visited were: All Saints', Norristown; Holy Trinity, Lansdale; St. George, Richmond; St. James, West Phila.; St. Martin, Oak Lane; St. Martin, Radnor; St. Paul, Doylestown; St. Peter, Weldon; The Atonement; Emmanuel, Kensington; Holy Innocents'; the Mediator; St. Ambrose; St. James the Less; St. John the Evangelist; St. Luke, Kensington; St. Mark, Frankford; St. Matthias'; Old St. Peter's; St. Simeon.

Among those who took part in these services: Messrs. August Belmont, Edward H. Bonsall, Rodney T. Bonsall, Reynolds D. Brown, F. W. Burgess, Dr. J. D. Compton, Walter Gale, Eugene F. Gillin, Percival Granger, Wayne B. Hughes, Albert E. Hurst, John W. Irwin, Walter M. Kalmey, Frank H. Longshore, Edward R. Longstreth, Haydon O. Merrill, Archibald Norman, H. S. Opdyke, J. Lee Patton, G. H. Randall, Robert B. Reed, Louis B. Runk, G. Frank Shelby, Alan Tongue, D. H. Williams, Francis A. Williams, John Young.

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EPIPHANY, SHERWOOD, DEDICATES NEW ORGAN

The Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, Fifty-seventh Street and Baltimore Avenue, dedicated its beautiful new pipe organ Sunday morning, April 25th, at 11 o'clock. The special preacher at this service was the Rev. Dr. John Mockridge, rector of St. James' Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets. The service of Benediction was preceded by a recital on the new organ.

Special music was sung at both the morning and evening services by the choir of men and boys, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Richardson, choirmaster and organist of the parish.

George Alex A. West, choirmaster and organist of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, and the designer of the organ, gave a recital on Wednesday evening, April 28th, from 8 to 9 o'clock, assisted by three boy soloists of the choir of the Epiphany.

COMES TO SPRINGFIELD

The Rev. George Reginald Bishop, for a number of years rector of St. Luke's, Altoona, in the Diocese of Harrisburg, has accepted appointment by Bishop Garland as priest-in-charge of the Mission of the Redeemer, Springfield, Delaware County, Pa., in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Mr. Bishop assumed his new duties May 16th. He resigned his Altoona charge several years ago on account of his health. For some time he has been doing work in Florida, where his health was restored.

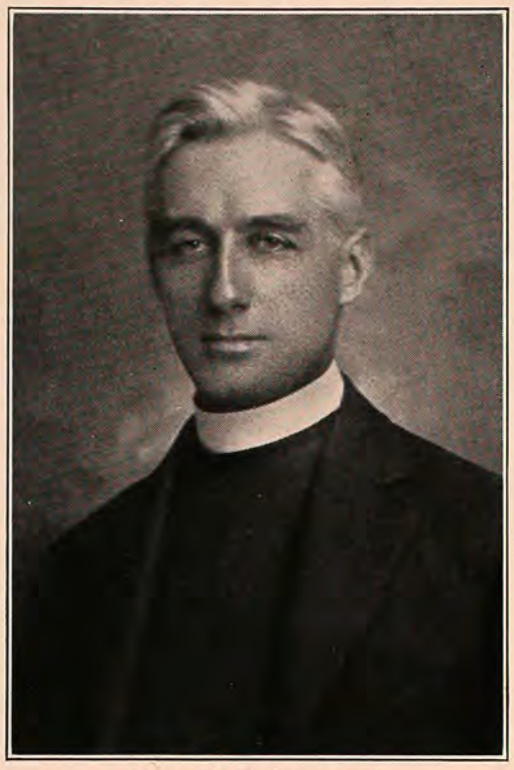
Appointed Diocesan Director of Religious Education

In Bishop Garland's appointment last month of the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour as Director of the Religious Education Department of the Diocese a step was taken which members of the department believe will give a great impetus to the undertakings of the department.

Mr. Seymour was chosen by the Bishop after a careful consideration of the particular problems in the field of religious education in the Diocese and after considering a number of available men for the position. Mr. Seymour is thoroughly familiar with these problems. In announcing his selection to the members of the department the Bishop said, "Mr. Seymour is one of our own men. He knows us."

For a number of year Mr. Seymour has been actively associated with the work of our religious educational commissions and has represented this Diocese as a delegate to general and sectional meetings. He has admirable qualifications as a teacher. His outstanding contribution to our Diocesan work was made in connection with our Church Normal School, which has attracted wide attention by its growth and efficient work. Two hundred teachers are enrolled in its classes.

Mr. Seymour is a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School. In addition to his work as Director of the Religious Education Department, Mr. Seymour will serve as Instructor in Religious Education in the Divinity School. Before coming to this Diocese Mr. Seymour served as Secretary of Religious Education in the Province of New England and as part-time Secretary in the Diocese of Rhode Island. In accepting the Bishop's appointment Mr. Seymour has tendered his resignation as rector of St. Philip's Church, West Philadelphia, to take effect at the convenience of the vestry, and in the fall he will take up his new duties.



Rev. F. E. Seymour.

WEST PHILA. SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSN. OUTING

The Spring Outing and Conference of the West Philadelphia Branch Sunday School Association of the Diocese will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 22nd, at old St. James' Church, Perkiomen. The meeting will start at 3 o'clock, with supper at 6 o'clock, daylight saving time. The topic to be presented will be "Plans, Methods and Materials for Next Year," with the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, Diocesan Secretary of Religious Education, as the speaker. Details as to how to reach St. James, or any other information desired, can be obtained from the Secretary of the West Philadelphia Branch by telephoning "Evergreen 9471."

DIOCESAN CHURCH NORMAL SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises of the Normal School, attended by about 200 teachers, superintendents and rectors, were held in Holy Trinity Parish House on May 6th, preceded by supper and a Conference on the organization and administration of Church Schools.

The Rev. B. N. Bird, chairman of the Commission on Teacher Training, awarded certificates of credit in one or more courses required by the National Accredited Teachers' Association to the following persons:

St. David's, Manayunk: Misses M. Gladys Bechtel, Dorothy Benninghove, Carrie Firth, Grace Wolfenden.

Church of the Saviour: Miss Mary N. Cash.

St. Martin-in-the-Field: The Misses Cecile Coleman, Darthea Coleman, Marghrita Peacock.

St. Martin's, Radnor: Miss Mary O. Evans.

St. Mary's, Ardmore: Miss Jessie Farrell.

St. Phillip's: Miss Helen Fulton, Mr. Howard C. Kears, Mrs. L. H. Riegner, Miss Frances Young.

St. Monica's: Mr. Wm. Harris.

Good Samaritan, Paoli: Miss Ida M. Heim.

Old Christ Church: Mrs. Isaac Hoffer.

St. Luke's, Germantown: The Misses A. Elizabeth Kremer, and Helen F. Wartman.

St. Simeon's: Mrs. Charles MacIntosh.

Our Saviour, Jenkintown: Miss Marian Mathers.

Holy Trinity Memorial: Miss Elsie Neystrom.

St. Peter's, Phoenixville: Miss A. Quidlard.

Free Church of St. John: Miss Mary Reynolds.

Mediator: Miss Mary Ford, Miss Florence Roscoe.

St. Mark's: Miss Laura Scarborough.

St. Clement's: Miss Mary Woodhead.

Deaconess' House: Miss Arlene Gault, Miss Helen Lambert, Deaconess Payne, Miss E. Stanisfield, Miss Rose Trax.

Holy Sacrament, Highland Park: Miss Mary E. Stewart.

St. Mary's Chapel: Miss Elsie E. Smith.

Diplomas, representing the completion of twelve required units of work were awarded to:

Miss Helen B. Fulton, St. Philip's.

Mrs. A. L. Eyster, St. Mary's, Hamilton Village.

Miss Mary Reynolds, St. John's Free Church.

The Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, delivered the "baccalaureate address."

The Church Normal School will resume its sessions on October 7, 1926.

A BOOK OF WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

For some time there has been in the minds of educators in the Church Schools a realization of the fact that music (hymns) has not kept pace with literature and pictures. This applies particularly to the religious teaching of children from four to ten years of age.

Stories teaching the Faith of the Church are drawn from the finest literature, the Bible; pictures illustrating these stories are copies of scenes depicted by masters in art, while the *value of music as a factor in religious education* is often not understood and therefore neglected.

The thoughtless attitude taken by many people toward music for little children in the teaching of religion is amazing. As to what is sung, why it is sung, and the results obtained, they have no care. This is irreverence toward God and a wrong to the child.

Music is a power, and its highest practical efficiency has been reached as an applied art in the service of religion. Without music worship seems imperfect.

With this knowledge, the Commission on Church Schools and the Commission on Church Music are working together to produce a Book of Worship for Children intended for general use in the kindergarten and primary grades of our Church Schools. It is the judgment of these Commissions that a book of this kind is very much needed and will be

welcomed by rectors, superintendents, teachers and parents.

The contents of this Book of Worship will be so compiled as to pass the three tests for judging the value of hymns in the religious education of children:

(1) The simplicity of the poetry.

(2) The simplicity of the music.

(3) The adaptation of both to use by children. It is possible to combine dignity, beauty and simplicity.

Children's hymns must be good for *children,* and the hymns of this book will be graded in both words and music to keep pace with the intellectual development of the child. There will be hymns that follow the general subjects of lessons; hymns that tell the story and the teaching of each season of the Church year; hymns of nature, of praise and of prayer; and, scattered throughout the book will be comments, suggestions and instructions regarding the use of the hymns, in order that the best results may be obtained.

MAY HELEN LOMAN,
Secretary,
Commission on Church Schools.

ELIZABETH STEWART SMITH

An Appreciation

On Wednesday, April 7th, of the present year of Grace, Elizabeth Stewart Smith, one of the Charter members of St. Mary's Parish, Ardmore, Pa., entered into Life Eternal. She was full of years, and every year was rich in fruitful works, until the arrival of the period of her complete disability which continued during the last five years of her earthly life. For the space of fifty years she was a Sunday School teacher, first in the parish of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and later in that of St. Mary's, Ardmore.

Prior to the introduction of boy choirs in these two parishes, she sang in their mixed choirs. She was an active member for many years of the principal woman's organizations of St. Mary's parish, and of its mission to the people living along Mill Creek, besides being always profoundly interested in all the greater general work of the Church at large.

Gradually failing in health, she finally became an invalid about five years ago, from which illness she never recovered, and during these years of steady failure her interest in all good works never diminished. She was a devoted sister, a person of rare good sense, of great moral elevation of character, ever amiable and gracious, and of a serene and tranquil temper; and, even through the five long years of her inactivity, her faith never failed, nor did her sunny cheerfulness ever diminish.

Grant her, O Lord, eternal rest,
And may light perpetual shine upon her.

International Views on Religious Education

In Birmingham, Ala., April 13th-17th, an International Convention of Religious Educationalists wrestled with problems intricate and varied. The Rev. Messrs. R. B. W. Hutt and F. E. Seymour represented the Diocese and registered their impressions in reports to our Department of Religious Education. They cover a wide range and will evoke either agreement or disagreement. We offer them with this purpose in view.

DR. HUTT: *Youth*—"There is a youth problem which has neither been solved nor has given promise of immediate solution. The Church does not find a place in itself for youth and youth does not find a place in itself for the Church. The Church resents youth's revolt from authority and youth's independence of thought. Youth considers the Church unsympathetic and intolerant. The Church refuses to treat Youth as it treats adults. Ignorance with a resultant intolerance on the part of age is the apparent barrier separating youth from the Church and preventing utilization of the wealth of power and enthusiasm resident in youth. Youth is making an earnest effort to find God and to do good, but fails to understand adult language or to grasp adult concepts. He challenges his elders to present their faith so that it can be understood and to offer a philosophy of life which its professors really try to live. These opinions may not shed light upon the problem of youth and youth's relationship to the Church, but they do serve to accentuate the problem and challenge us to greater effort to understand and to solve."

Week-day Religious Education—"The holding of schools after public school hours weaken the movement, demonstrating, perhaps, that there is no need for other provision. This provision of Religious Instruction outside of School time should be a last resort after illegality of the release from school time has been proven. Certain outstanding recommendations should be noted:

"(1) Make sure of local desire for week-day religious education before attempting to establish a school.

"(2) Have adequate organization and curriculum planned before petitioning for release of pupils from public schools.

"(3) For sake of economy, let attention be centered upon certain grades until the work has proven its worth and drawn adequate financial support. The first three grades may well be left until even the High School students are provided for. The enrollment in these lower grades and the need for more individual attention usually requires a greater number of teachers than do the higher grades.

"(4) Begin with some standard course but build a new course suitable to local conditions, i. e., the type of children, the Sunday instruction and the local public school curriculum. It is advisable to tie up with these things from the standpoints of appreciation and correlation. Of course this matter of new course construction should be left in the care of skilled educators—and all ministers cannot so qualify.

"(5) Above all, do not let the curriculum be merely informative but be designed to develop the pupil's religious and moral life.

"(6) Unless the week-day school can be on a higher level than the average Sunday School in points of efficiency and discipline, it is better not to establish it.

"(7) Always remember that the teacher is 90 per cent of the school, therefore careful selection and training is necessary.

"(8) The ideal is for each Church to have its own school—provided that it can afford to maintain efficiency at least equal to that of the public schools."

MR. SEYMOUR: *Adult Education and Training for Leadership*—"There appeared to be room for improvement in the field of adult education. Adult classes are studying subjects attractive for their intrinsic interest without regard to their educational value. The Church needs a well co-ordinated program of adult education with very definite objectives. From the numerous addresses made and conferences held, it was evident that religious education calls for professional training and expert administrators and teachers. At present, the quality of leaders is not equal to cope with the complexity of the problem and this quantity is not commensurate to the demand. The opportunities for proper training are inadequate. Public opinion must be created favorable to training for leadership. Intense enthusiasm, earnest determination to carry on the work, and a serious sense of the importance of religious education prevailed amongst the six or seven thousand delegates.

"A group of delegates from various Episcopal Churches passed a resolution expressing the conviction that while we have much, we can contribute to the churches in content, there is much we can learn from them in methods—and urging upon the National Department of Religious Education, and through it, to Diocesan Departments, the advisability of greater participation in the work of the International Council of Religious Education."

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Edited by CLARA M. BREED

For the Summer Conferences

As one of our Bishops says, "Whatever the fault of our times, we have a very hopeful sign in its acute *restiveness*. The world is turning from some things that really do not matter, and demands the worth while. It is a *Spiritual revival* that is able to help this age."

During the past months many men and women, young and old, rich and poor, have been at work teaching and studying about "The Kingdom." Each year a different phase of work, and a different country is studied. This year it was Latin America and a most interesting and absorbing subject it was. What will the next course be? In order to find out, we must follow those who have the matter so wonderfully planned and arranged; and if possible attend one of the many Conferences held every summer for ten days from the last of June until early in July.

There is a wonderful inspiration that comes to any one so fortunate as to be permitted to enjoy one of these meetings, and the experience of learning with so many others, what our Church is doing outside of our Dioceses will enlarge our comprehension of the real meaning of "Messengers in the Kingdom of Christ." We will be strengthening and building up our spiritual character, in an atmosphere where everyone has *something* to give us, that we have not. One of our Clergy puts it thus: "We can never realize our greatest needs if we just live within the confines of Human Knowledge. It is only when we let God in as an *Informant* that we are going to Know wonderfully and increasingly."

Now here are some of the Conferences: Wellesley, Mass., June 28th to July 8th; Burlington, N. J., June 30th to July 10th; Geneva, N. Y., June 28th to July 9th; South Bethlehem, Pa., June 28th to July 3rd; Frederick, Md., July 19th to July 28th; Peninsula, Md., June 22nd to June 26th.

There are also Conferences in other parts of the country and all information may be obtained at our "Educational Room" in the Church House, 202 South Nineteenth Street.

DOMESTIC COMMITTEE

When we listen to anyone so thoroughly at home in her work as Mrs. Wetmore, of Christ's School, Arden, North Carolina, we feel that perhaps changes in the environment of workers are not always the best interests of a community. Mrs. Wetmore has been for over twenty years heart and soul in the work of this school for boys and girls of the mountain people. She notes the changes, and is keen for all that is modern and best for her school, and its pupils. With Mr. Wetmore as Archdeacon in this Southern Diocese twenty-six years ago, there was ample opportunity to see the need of just such a school, and with twenty boarding pupils it was started.

Mr. Wetmore lived only five years after the school was begun, but Mrs. Wetmore, with assistants, has carried it on, and for results, although numbers in mission work seldom count, eighteen young men have gone from the school to be ordained in the Ministry, who, when they came in, could neither read nor write, and three were over twenty-one years of age. The mountain children, as Mrs. Wetmore says, have a cry for God, and, of course, bring both vice and virtue with them; but she *believes* in them and says whatever the standard of the school, the children will be *formed* by it. The life is hard with the mountain people, but Christ's school, Arden, has one great purpose: always to make God known through Christ, and to teach them (whatever comes) Christ triumphs.

Many years ago, when the work was young, the Women's Auxiliary gave to the school a *Well*. It was a wonderful gift, but since then, changes have come; droughts, streams that were available used for other purposes, and last summer the school faced entire *lack* of water. This would close it effectually; for without a supply of water, little can be done. The one and only thing will be an artesian well, and this appeal must be put clearly before the Auxiliary. It will have to be a *Special* and cannot count on the quota; but when you of more than a hundred children who need and desire these wonderful privileges accorded by Christ School deprived of such advantages for lack of $800 or $900, it seems as though we *must* give that Well. If every parish could give $5 the money would soon be in Mrs. Wetmore's hands.

COLORED COMMITTEE

It has been hinted that with the National Council so efficient, we may become machines, but our Chairman of the Colored Committee does not think so; and with the "Workers from the Field" to speak to us frequently and awaken interest, and with personal boxes, surely the touch between the Committees and the Field is very close.

One of our most efficient Colored schools is the Fort Valley School in the Diocese of Atlanta. This is one of the ten Institute schools and is fulfilling a very great want with both institutional and evangelical work in the "Black Belt" where so many are to be reached. Like so many others, the starting of this school was small; with four acres of land made possible by a gift. It has grown to occupy 100 acres, and to house 700 students with twenty-eight officers and teachers. It is a strategic place, according to Mr. Hunt, in charge, who took it over twenty-two years ago, at which time it came under the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church. The school meets with the respect and confidence of all within its range. One of the graduates of the school is employed by the Government, and travels through four counties, instructing in agriculture, and his wife also a graduate, travels with him and teaches the women about chicken raising and sanitation of their houses. In summer they have a Farmers Conference, Canning Clubs, and Teachers Conferences, and it is a great "Neighborhood Centre." A Visiting Nurse is supported by the students, who make and sell mats and baskets for this purpose. There are at present eighteen buildings, four of which are brick. The Colored Committee was fortunate this past month in being able to appropriate $50 (a legacy) towards this work.

INDIANS' HOPE ASSOCIATION

Bishop Bennett, of Duluth, addressed a special meeting and spoke of the changing conditions among the Indians in his Diocese as the reservations are being broken up by the Government and Indian lands are being settled by the white people in small farms and timber claims.

The Indian Agency is now called the United Chippewa Agency and is at Cass Lake. All but one reservation in the Diocese of Duluth are open to the whites. The Indians of the Red Lake Reservation are under contract with the Government and their lands and timber claims are for the Indians only. Red Lake itself is sixty miles long and fishing is only allowed under permit. There are three thousand Indians living at Red Lake, all pagan, except three families. Mark Burns, an Indian, is the agent at Red Lake. He and his wife are fine types. There are two Government schools, one at Red Lake and one at Ponemah. The Bishop would like to build a church at Red Lake on twenty acres of land given by the Government to our Church.

At White Earth the conditions are dreadful, as it has been allowed to fall to the level of the lowest Indian, and the place is a den of iniquity; liquor is smuggled in and gambling and dance halls are in full swing.

The young Indians have not the splendid poise of the old-time Indian. They are trying to imitate the white man, particularly his voice. When they get their money they pay their bills first, as the Indian is naturally honest, then they squander all the rest. Bishop Bennett hopes the Government will give them all their money, for when it is spent they will have to work, as, if they have to work or starve, it would be better for them. They must produce from now on, and as the Bishop said, show blisters on hands and brains before they receive anything.

In South Dakota there is always a white clergyman to supervise the Indian clergy; but in Duluth they are trying the plan of giving the Indian a chance to supervise when he shows ability to do so. The Bishop is erecting a set of unit buildings at Cass Lake under the superintendency of Mr. Allen, formerly of Carlisle. They consist of a vocational High School to be built of logs; a chapel already built, seating 400 people, with a beautiful altar, bishop's chair and a lectern built of oiled polished logs. The floor is a dirt one as yet, so they do not kneel; a dining room seating 300; this room is to have a cement floor, and one-half of it is to be used for a recreation hall; and two dormitories, one for boys and one for girls.

GARDEN PARTY

Convocation of North Philadelphia

The annual Garden Party for the benefit of the Missions in the Convocation of North Philadelphia will be held as usual at "Wyck," the Colonial home of Mr. Casper Wistar Haines, 6026 Germantown Avenue (corner of Walnut Lane), on Thursday, June 3rd, from 2 until 8 P. M.

A supper will be served from 5 to 7 P. M. by the ladies of eight of the parishes, and at the booths scattered about the lawn will be found for sale a wide variety of useful and fancy articles, books, flowers, cakes, groceries, ice cream and cold drinks.

Special emphasis is being laid this year on the entertainment, one feature of which will be an outdoor pageant,—"Follow the Gleam," a nature play, with a religious background. This will be given by a group of young people from the Church of the Advocate, under the direction of Mrs. Laura DeWolfe Kuhnle. There will be two performances, one at 4.30 P. M., and another at 7 P. M.

Cards of admission, at 25 cents each, may be secured from any parish in the Convocation, or at the entrance to "Wyck" on June 3rd.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

The first annual Spring Presentation of the United Thank Offering since the last General Convention was made in St. James' Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets, on Thursday morning, April 29th, at 10.30 o'clock. Bishop Garland celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by Dr. Mockridge, rector of the church, and Dr. Anthony, assistant. The Rev. Benjamin N. Bird preached the sermon and the offering was taken up immediately after it. Bishop Garland announced the total of the Offering near the end of the service as being $12,752.15. This is the largest amount ever received at any Spring or Fall Presentation, and the Bishop urged us to go forward with the good start we had made so that at the next Convention in Washington our Offering, for the extension of the Kingdom, may be larger than ever. Already later amounts have come in and the Offering is now over $13,000.

REPORT OF OFFICE SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Setpember 22, 1925, to April 26, 1926

Visitors in the office	795
Telephone calls	1807
Letters and postals written and mimeographed	6909
Envelopes and postals addressed for printed notices	1967
Typed card catalogue, Annual Report data, lists and minutes	31
Attended General Convention and took minutes at other meetings	6

MARY H. HOWLAND,
Office Secretary.

April 26, 1926.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

The Churchwoman's Club again called forth its loyal members to their Annual Luncheon, held for three consecutive years at the Sylvania Hotel, where we received courteous and generous attention. This was a meeting of combined feeling; that of regret and thankfulness, as it bespoke of the resignation of our much-beloved former President, Mrs. W. Horner Smith, and welcomed the very efficient and attractive new President, Mrs. J. Alison Scott.

The speaker of the occasion was Mrs. Griffith, the representative of the Protestant children who are summoned before the Juvenile Court. Mrs. Griffith was most convincing in her manner and experience. Much can be done for these young offenders through personal interest and follow-up work, to which Mrs. Griffith has so abundantly given of herself and her time. Let us hope that her effective telling of this difficult problem may have reached the hearts of her hearers; that wheels may be set in motion by the Churchwoman's Club to aid Mrs. Griffith carry on in behalf of our youthful brothers and sisters in God's Kingdom.

L. C. H.

A DISCOVERY AT ZIEGLERVILLE

An afternoon trip along the Perkiomen had brought us beyond the village of Zieglerville, and in a grey house, close to the road, we found the best surprise of the day.

Through the windows of a broad room we saw a number of boys and girls, some choosing books from shelves that lined the walls, one poring over a

magazine at a corner table, and several gathered at the desk chatting with the librarian (?). The door was open and we were about to enter, when through aonther door there stepped out on the little porch our good friend, Deaconess Morris.

Here, she explained, she and her friend, Deaconess Kaighn, live the year round, and the large room with a floor space 18′ x 28′ is the new addition built to house their library—listed since 1925 in Harrisburg as a State Public Library.

Deaconess Morris then led us through the attractive little house and past the weaving room with its loom, where lovely scarfs and rugs are woven for sale, into the library. There at the desk we found Deaconess Kaighn as smiling and as busy as usual. She told us that the library since its beginning, three and a half years ago in a wee room, with 150 books, had grown steadily till it now has 1800 books and 199 members. During 1925 the average monthly circulation was 136 and so far this year is much greater.

Fifteen of the best magazines are received each month. The back numbers of these are tied in bundles and given during the summertime to persons "who can snatch time to read but haven't time at that season of the year to come for books which must be returned."

A deposit station for books has been started in another neighborhood, eight miles away.

A donor of 200 books from the Woman's Club of Germantown received the following letter:

Harrisburg, Pa.

I am very glad to learn that you sent your books to Zieglerville. We discovered the situation there only a year ago, but have the feeling that there is very good work being done through books at that point. It is more far-reaching than most libraries in small villages. They are circulating not only fiction, but are doing good work with their classed books and every little while they come to us to borrow material which is needed for more serious work in the school or by individual readers. We feel that that is a good point to maintain and would like to throw into their way any offers of assistance such as yours.

Yours sincerely,

ROBT. P. BLISS,

Chief of Library Extension.

The large room at the Deaconesses' home is used not only for a library, but also for neighborhood entertainments and once a month on Sunday afternoons for Church services. We have learned, since our visit, that these services have come to mean much to the people of the neighborhood and that "The Little Grey House" is a true social and religious center for the whole community.

An Experience in the Rocky Mountains Thirty-five Years Ago and Its Fruit

In commemoration of a deep spiritual experience in a lonely cabin in the Rocky Mountains many years ago and as an example of the joy that comes from living with Christ in the home, however humble that home may be, a prize is to be awarded the member of the Sunday School of the Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia, who most accurately recites the "Sermon on the Mount."

For three years this Sunday School has given a Pageant in connection with its Christmas entertainment, which it is the custom to hold on Holy Innocents Day. The Pageant is called "The White Gift Service." Gifts in the form of pledges, known only to the pledgors and to Christ, are presented as an Offering at "The White Gift Service" and are taken up to the Manger and the Christ Child by Wise Men as their gifts of frankincense and myrrh. The pledges are unsigned and represent offerings of "Service and Self."

Deeply moving and searching have been these unsigned pledges. To forgive some wrong; to overlook some slight; to help mother and father, to be more patient with the failings of others; to speak more kindly; to be more loyal; to attend Church more regularly; to attend the Bible Classes; to study the Bible daily; to be more prayerful.

In spite of asking that no money be given, some money was put into the envelopes each year, for it was realized there was considerable expense attendant upon presenting the Pageant. A total of $55 accumulated, and this amount has been brought up to $100 by a contribution from the rector, the Rev. Walter Marvine, and Mrs. Marvin. It was decided to invest this $100 in some way to yield 6 per cent. Just how, was a little problem.

The advice of the Church House Executive Office was sought. Instant and prompt solution was given. One of the officers of the Diocese telephoned a banker to buy a $100 Liberty Bond. The next day he had the bond and turned it over to Mrs. Marvine, together with his personal check for a sum sufficient to guarantee a 6 per cent interest on the bond for five years.

The income from the investment is to constitute the "White Gift Service," and is to be used only for awarding the annual prize to the Sunday School scholar who most accurately recites the "Sermon on the Mount." The prize is not to be given to the same scholar twice.

Selection of the "Sermon on the Mount" goes back to the experience referred to in the opening paragraph of this article. Thirty-five years ago the present rector of the Church of the Redeemer was deer hunting in the Rocky Mountains. Nightfall found him alone and far from shelter. Far up the mountain side he saw a tiny cabin. He made his way through the darkness to the mountain home and, with some questioning of mind as to his reception, knocked at the cabin door.

A man's voice bade him come in. There was no light save from the open fire. The man explained to Mr. Marvine that they used no candle or lamp as they were very poor. The visitor was made welcome. The father, mother and children had gathered about the open fire for "Family Prayer." In place of reading from the Scriptures it was their custom at the hour the visitor arrived to group themselves about the fire-lit hearth and recite from memory Scripture passages.

This night they were in the midst of the "Sermon on the Mount." Mr. Marvine was so impressed that when he returned to his home his family joined him repeating the "Sermon on the Mount" by the light of their hearth fire.

And now after all these years, this service in the tiny, solitary Rocky Mountain cabin is to have an enduring place in the hearts and memories of the Sunday School children of the Church of the Redeemer, at Andalusia, as a distinctive spiritual contribution to their annual "White Gift Service" and in commemoration of the "Family Prayer Service" in the lonely mountain cabin amid the snows and solitudes of the majestic Rockies.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Annual Service of the G. F. S. in this Diocese was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, Thursday evening, April 22nd, attended by a very large number, representing about fifty of the seventy active Branches in the Diocese. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. G. M. Davenport, D.D., of the Diocese of Easton, Md. Bishop Davenport took as his text, I Cor. 15 chapter, 58 verse—"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

"Steadfast—faith in God, trust, patience, developing the strength of character whereby we walk in the service of God and our fellows. Unmovable—the Christian religion is not an easy one,

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BROTHERHOOD COMPLETES SCHEDULES FOR TRAINING CAMP CONFERENCES

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has issued its schedule of the Leadership Training Camp Conference to be held this summer and also the Camping Periods for Younger Boys which are to follow.

The Leadership Training Conference in this Diocese will be at Camp Bonsall and opens June 29 and closes July 12th. From July 12th to July 24th the Camp will be conducted for the younger boys, between the ages of 12 and 15 years.

The Leadership Training Conferences will be operated at a dozen different points between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. In addition to Camp Bonsall, there are three other Brotherhood Camps where there will be periods for younger boys.

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Complete information will be given on all details at the Brotherhood headquarters in the Church House, 202 South Nineteenth Street, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Edmund L. Gettier, of Memorial Church, Baltimore, is Director of the Camp Bonsall Conference, and the Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, of St. Paul's Memorial, Fifteenth and Porter Streets, Philadelphia, Chaplain.

PARISHES TO UNITE IN SUMMER SERVICES

During the month of June, the parishes of The Saviour, St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, and St. Phillip's, West Philadelphia, will have united services in each church on the following agreed dates, at 7.45 P. M., Daylight Saving time:

June 6th—St. Mary's Church.
June 13th—St. Phillip's Church.
June 20th—St. Andrew's Church.
June 27th—The Saviour.

The Rectors of the respective churches will be responsible for the preacher on the occasion of the service in his own church. The united choirs and clergy of the parishes will be present at these services. No services will be held in the churches named except during the evening named above.

"The Story of a Spiritual Power House"

The caption quoted above epitomizes an opinion by one of the beloved Clergy of the Church about "Christ Church—'The Things That Truly Last,'" the book recently written by the Rev. Louis C. Washburn, rector of Old Christ Church, this city.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania is completing arrangements to participate in the Sesqui-Centennial commemorating the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. Seven of the Signers of that immortal document of human liberty are buried in the churchyard of Old Christ Church. On July 4th President Coolidge is coming to this city to unveil a tablet to the memory of these Signers that is to have a place in Christ Church building where so many of the Founders of the Republic worshiped. President Coolidge will worship in the same pew of Old Christ Church in which the First President, George Washington, worshiped.

"Christ Church—'The Things That Truly Last'" is a bock which should be in the hands of every Churchman as the Sesqui-Centennial opens. THE CHURCH NEWS has arranged with Macrae, Smith & Co., the publishers, to accept any orders for the book which may be sent to THE CHURCH NEWS.

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Several requests have been received for donations of pianos in good condition. The Church Training and Deaconess House would appreciate one and another is asked for the use of Camp Bonsall of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

In addition to the request from a Missionary outside the Diocese, the Bureau has a number of requests from points in our Diocese for donations of discarded choir vestments.

A SOUTH DAKOTA APPEAL

Through its "Diocesan Exchange" column THE CHURCH NEWS has been able to meet many requests in the Diocese for church furnishings and to place many articles generously donated by parishes and church people. We in receipt of the following letter from South Dakota:

"THE CHURCH NEWS,
"Philadelphia.

"I made an appeal to a Philadelphia rector for sixteen cottas and cassocks for use in my two larger missions here in Bishop Hare's territory. But the rector had just given his extra choir vestments to a mission in your city and advised me to write to you as to our needs.

"Do you know of a large parish which would be likely to have extra choir vestments? We would gladly pay all transportation charges. Sixteen cottas and sixteen cassocks would greatly add to the churchly appearances of our services here in St. Philip's Mission and at Lake Andes in St. Peter's Mission. Both places have good church buildings.

"Thanking you in advance for any favors you may show us I am

"Truly and gratefully yours,
"(REV.) S. C. VANNIX.

"St. Philip's Rectory,
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it is hard in the midst of so many trials and temptations to be strong and true; only in the strength of the Lord can we resist the many false currents that are around us, tempting us into an easy way of life. We *must* resist not only for our own souls but that we may transmit to others, perhaps weaker than we are, the spirit of hope and love and trust in God. And so, 'abounding in the works of the Lord,' our lives filled with the desire to do God's will in everything, instruments for bringing to others His spirit, we may indeed be more than conquerors, co-laborers with the Lord."

The Annual Report of the Girls' Friendly Society in the Diocese of Pennsylvania for 1925 shows a membership of 4475, of which 1346 are Candidates. There are 72 active Branches. Since January 1st two new Branches have been organized. The income of the Branches was $18,459; expenses $10,456. Diocesan receipts $2524; expenses $1962. Gifts to purposes under the Church $8157; for purposes outside the Church $2813; for G. F. S. purposes, etc., $3509; making a total of $14,480. The Holiday House entertained 478 guests at a cost of $4479. The board paid amounted to $3754; from other sources $1048. The treasurer of the G. F. S. Lodge reported receipts from board $11,987, the balance in the treasurer's account making a total of $13,574. The expenses were $12,219, including bills paid by the trustees; $1200 was added to the reserve fund. The Rest Room Endowment Fund amounted to $7429.

The Annual Service for the Candidates Classes in the Diocese was held Saturday, May 8th, in St. Michael's Church, Germantown. The beautiful Spring afternoon brought out a large attendance of the children, filling the church. The Rev. Philip J. Steinmetz talked to them, telling how they could grow into the real friendliness for which the "F.," always the big letter of the three on the badge, stands. He illustrated his teaching by a "spelling lesson" on the word GROW—ground, roots, obedience, work. The offering was for the G. F. S. Worker among the girls and women employed in the cotton mills in Wuchang, China, and amounted to $72.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

A short time ago the Pennsylvania Church Periodical Club learned that the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia was badly in need of a medical library for the use of student nurses, where they could obtain the necessary text-books and reference books for their studies. At the present time over $100 has been

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> "H. C. M.,
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Adults Only—"The Barrier" (Norman Kerry); "The Police Patrol" (James Kirkwood); "The Splendid Road" (Anna Q. Nilsson).

Short Reels—Holy Land Picture—"The Garden of Gethsemane"; Pathe Review, No. 12—Scenic, "Bavaria, the Land of Toys"; Sportlight—The Uprising Generation"; Sportlight—"Leaps and Bounds."

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Warwick, St. Mary, $10; Wayne, St. Mary, $740; Weldon, St. Peter, $346; West Chester, Holy Trinity, $164; West Chester, Ascension, $7; West Manayunk, St. Andrew, $100; West Whiteland, St Paul, $52; Whitemarsh, St. Thomas, $1248; Willow Grove, St. Anne, $94; Wyncote, All Hallows, $400; Wynnewood, All Saints, $341.

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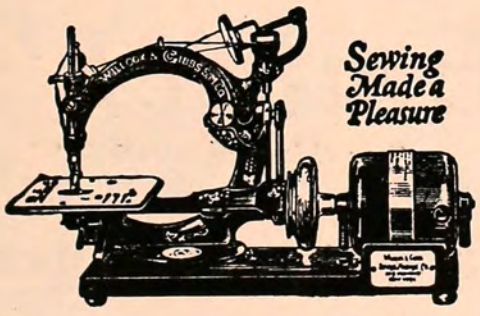

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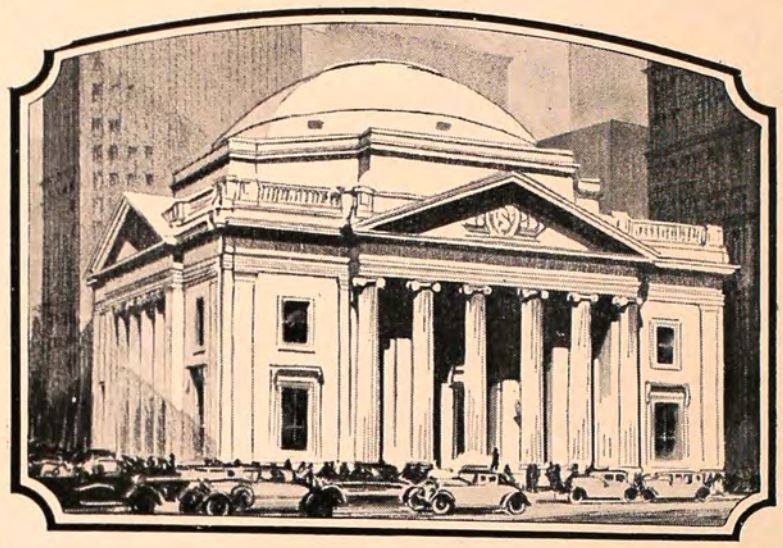

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